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Bevin Calls On Workers To Hustle

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An appeal to dockers to "help us beat Hitler" was made by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, who announced in London to-day a new scheme for dock labour on the Merseyside which will improve and speed up working conditions.

Mr. Bevin said that transport has now become a key factor and organisation of transport would determine the duration of this struggle.

Clearing Ships

"We are aiming at 40 per cent. quicker turn-round of ships and clearance at ports. I want to appeal to my friends, the dockers, to help us beat Hitler."

Mr. Bevin said that the Merseyside scheme will start on March 10 and will be applied later to Clyde ports. He added that we must secure a quicker turn-round and a bigger output if we were to cope not merely with the attack that was being made now but the attack we were threatened within a very short time.

THE R.A.F. IN ALBANIA

Score Successes

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Highly successful attacks on the Albanian villages of Luzzi, south-east of Tepelini, and Fieri were made yesterday during an R.A.F. operation supporting the Greek Army, says a communiqué issued to-day by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

Direct hits were scored on a concentration of motor vehicles near Luzzi and on military camps at Fieri, where several large fires were started. At Fieri, swooping low, the aircraft machine-gunned the military headquarters and other targets.

British planes intercepted a convoy of cargo ships and a gunboat two miles off Valona, successfully machine-gunning them.

All British planes returned safely.

Effective Artillery

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Bad weather is still holding up large-scale operations on the Albanian battlefield, states the Greek Press Ministry.

Greek artillery, however, has continued to pound enemy positions with marked success and much damage by shells bursting in Italian trenches has been registered.

At one point, an Italian column received direct hits and suffered heavy losses.

The Greek Air Force continued to drop bombs on military targets, store dumps, communication lines and motor transport concentrations.

Australia-Rumania

CANBERRA, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Australia has severed trading relations with Rumania, which has been declared enemy territory, according to an announcement to-day. This is in conformity with the recent extension of the British blockade to Rumania.

Six Die in Air Liner Crash Near Atlanta

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATLANTA, Feb. 27 (UP).—Six were killed and several others injured when an air liner crashed 15 miles south of Atlanta yesterday. The dead included Representative William Byron of Maryland.

Others fatally injured were: B. C. M. Van der Hoop, President of the Dutch-owned tin processing corporation which is building the new smelter at Houston, Texas; A. Liebowitz of Atlanta, Juan Maria of San Salvador, Pilot Captain G. E. Parry, Co-Pilot L. E. Thomas, and Steward Clarence Moore.

Those injured included Captain Eddie Blunkhacker, broken leg, back injuries, possible internal injuries, gash over one eye, suffering from extreme shock; H. A. Little, "New York

NO MORE CONCESSIONS IN THAI-INDO-CHINA DISPUTE SAYS VICHY

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, FEB. 27 (UP).—AN OFFICIAL VICHY SPOKESMAN, TALKING TO A "UNITED PRESS" CORRESPONDENT REGARDING THE THAILAND-INDO-CHINA ARMISTICE IMPASSE, DECLARED: "FRANCE HAS FIXED HER MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS, AND IT IS AN IRON-BOUND CERTAINTY THAT FRANCE WILL NOT GO AN INCH BEYOND THEM, WHATEVER HAPPENS."

DUCE "EXPLAINS" FAILURE

Spanish War Took Resources

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In what appeared to be an attempt to explain away the serious reverses recently suffered by Italy, Mussolini to-day issued, through the Stefani agency, a long list of armaments which he sent to General Franco during the Spanish civil war.

An accompanying statement by the diplomatic correspondent of the agency says: "The figures indicate how important was the contribution to Spain which, coming immediately after the powerful effort made in Ethiopia, doubtless struck a blow at Italy's war potential."

"These two big drafts on the strength of the armed forces were made while other nations were able, on the contrary, to devote all their means to preparing for war."

Spanish Intervention

Explaining the reason for Italian intervention in the Spanish civil war, Stefani's diplomatic correspondent says that it was necessary, "for reasons of national, revolutionary and Mediterranean policy."

National and Mediterranean reasons made it necessary, he continues, to prevent Spain from becoming a military and naval base for France and Britain against Italy while revolutionary reasons demanded Italian Fascist intervention for the system was modelled on it.

Landing At Castel Rosso Described

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, Feb. 27 (UP).—It is reported that the British landing at Castel Rosso was followed by a four hour bombardment by British destroyers, in the midst of which Axis planes attacked the destroyers, which withdrew, but reappeared later supported by British planes which protected the disembarkation.

Greek Joy

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The occupation of the island of Castel Rosso in the Eastern Mediterranean by British forces is hailed with enthusiasm by the Greeks, according to the Athens radio.

The newspaper, "Estin," refers to Castel Rosso as the first Dodecanese island to see the sunlight of freedom and adds: "In order to realise what Fascist tyranny has meant for Castel Rosso, remember that of the 12,000 inhabitants of unmixed Greek blood, barely 1,000 now remain on the island. The rest have been driven into exile. Whole communities of fugitives from Castel Rosso now exist in Greece, America, Australia and France."

LATEST

"We have been given guard of the empire under the armistice with Germany, and we will keep our word."

Shanghai reports that the terms the French refused were Japan's final offer are declared in Vichy as being exaggerated.

It is learned that on Saturday last Admiral Darlan informed Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador, that the position was as follows:

France needs war materials to maintain the integrity of Indo-China and she would like to buy planes and other fighting equipment for immediate delivery from the United States.

So far there has been no reply from Washington, although earlier in February Mr. Cordell Hull said that the United States declined to deliver planes and other war materials to Indo-China.

"Must Make Them Agree"

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Colonel Tatsui Koike, Chief of the Japanese mission to Indo-China when asked regarding the prospects of the Tokyo negotiations, told the "United Press" exclusively: "There is only one way out—we must make Indo-China and Thailand agree."

He asserted that Mr. Matsukata's statement regarding a Japanese Lebensraum in the Southern Pacific, "naturally includes Indo-China."

Asked to comment on Thailand's demands for two thirds of Cambodia and Laos, the Colonel replied: "The demands might look large from a glance of the Indo-China map, but actually I think it quite proper that the Thais obtain these territories."

He said that a prospective war between Japan and Britain only exists in Britain's imagination. Nine times during the interview he reiterated that Japan does not want to fight Britain.

Mr. Hull's Comment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a query regarding Japanese mediation between Indo-China and Thailand said he was uninformed whether or not the talks had broken up. He asserted he did not care to dignify with comment the report that the United States had participated in the talks or tried to influence the parties concerned.

Accused of Dictating

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The President of the Cochinchina Colonial Council, M. Henry De Lichevilliere in a signed editorial in "De Peche" writes: "Japan's attitude at the Tokyo negotiations is unneutral. Japan is not mediating but rather dictating." He urged the Indo-China Government not to accept the Thai demands.

The Mayor of Saigon officially appealed to all native and French able-bodied men to join the French army.

Jervis Bay Casualties Announced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that among the Jervis Bay casualties were 34 officers missing, presumed killed.

They include the Commander, Acting Captain E. S. F. Fegen, Lieutenant A. H. W. Bartle, Lieutenant A. W. Driscoll, Lieut-Cmdr G. E. C. Wood, Surgeon Lieut-Cmdr T. G. Evans and Lieut-Cmdr K. M. Morrison.

The Jervis Bay was protecting a convoy in the Atlantic last November when a German surface raider attacked the ships. The Jervis Bay made a heroic effort to draw the fire of the raider and succeeded to such good effect that she herself was sunk. But of the convoy of 38 ships, only four were lost as the result of her courageous action. Captain Fegen was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

CONFIDENCE IN CHURCHILL

Get On With War

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, for the first time since he formed his administration, to-day asked the House of Commons for a vote of confidence and received it without even the formality of a division.

He told the House that a debate on the Disqualification Bill would be treated as a vote of confidence in the Government.

After stating that the whole question of appointments would be considered by the Select Committee, the Prime Minister added: "Meanwhile, let us get on with the war because though on might hardly think it, there is a war on in which our lives and liberties and even wider causes are hanging in the balance."

British Women Fly From Thailand

SYDNEY, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—British women evacuees from Thailand, arrived in Sydney by air to-day. They stated that a hundred more women and children are shortly going to Australia.

They Find Sanctuary & Happiness

These little English toddlers are safe from Hitler's Luftwaffe. Happiness lights their faces as they group themselves on one of the massive staircases at Byron House in Ottawa which is their sanctuary from the war raging over their beloved country. The large residence, one of Ottawa's finest, has been taken over as a school and dwelling for child war guests.



Demoralised Italians Retreat And Surrender In Thousands

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The repulse of armoured vehicles believed to be German is reported in a communiqué, which says that in Libya, advanced elements of British mechanised forces encountered and drove back west of Agaila, a reconnaissance unit of armoured fighting vehicles believed to be German.

In Eritrea, while the British forces continue actively to contain the main body of the enemy about Keren, further progress has been made by our column advancing southwards from Cubeb.

Story Of The Fall Of Mogadiscio

NAIROBI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued here to-day says: "During the night of February 25-26, our East and West African troops entered Mogadiscio without opposition. Owing to the darkness, the defeat of the enemy on the line of the Juba, the speed of our advance and the hurried evacuation, the town has suffered little damage."

"It has been impossible up to now to assess the number of prisoners and material captured, and many Europeans and Askaris are still surrendering."

"This achievement was made possible by the co-operation of all three services and the vigorous action of all the forces employed."

A Great March

"Its greatness will be appreciated when it is realised that during the period February 12 to 25, starting from the advance bases already at the end of the lines of communication 220 miles long, the fighting formations have advanced in the face of opposition over a single track road a distance of 570 miles."

"In addition the major water obstacle of Juba has been crossed—"

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In Italian Somaliland, the rapid and vigorous advance of the South African forces from the line along the river Juba to the capture of Mogadiscio has evidently demoralised the enemy forces in the area. They are offering themselves for surrender all along the large stretch of country which has been overrun.

Several thousands of prisoners have already been counted and many more are continuing to come in.

In addition, large quantities of war material of all kinds have fallen into our hands.

Not the least satisfactory feature of this highly successful advance has been that we recovered 200 Allied seamen who had been held at Merca for many months by the Italians as prisoners of war.

Italian Communique

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Events in Italian Somaliland were mentioned in to-day's Rome communiqué, which says that after over a month's strong resistance, Italian troops are withdrawing towards Mogadiscio and are still resisting "preponderant enemy forces."

In the Sudan, a communiqué states that "enemy troops, beaten in the Zelma zone, announced in Monday's Italian communiqué, retired on Bunn, leaving numerous dead, wounded and material behind."

The air attack on Malta was thus described: "Formations of German bombers, escorted by German and Italian fighters, attacked Malta on February 12 when parties of young

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Dutch Jews And Nazis Fight in Amsterdam

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Reports of "wild and bloody fights" between Jews and Dutch Nazis in Amsterdam—placed this week under martial law by the Germans—have reached "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London.

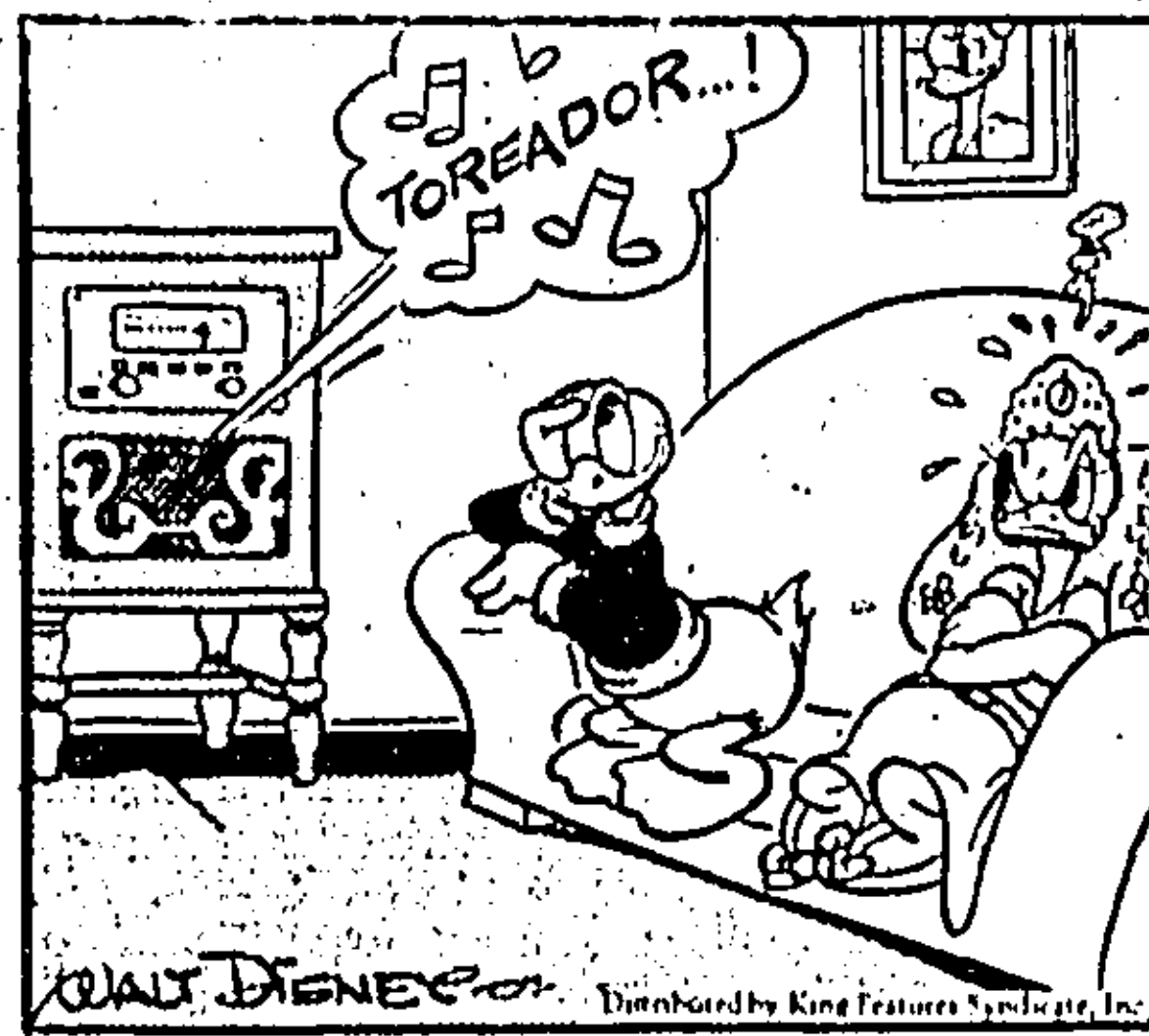
The newspaper states that in the Jewish district of Amsterdam there have been fights as the result of uniformed Dutch storm troopers marching through the quarter.

There was widespread fighting on February 12 when parties of young men attacked the marching Nazis. Civilians and policemen were injured and one Nazi was found dead on the pavement. The Police then isolated part of the town to prevent further demonstrations.

The newspaper adds that the Jewish leaders addressed the Jews in town, exhorting them to show calmness and dignity whatever the provocation.

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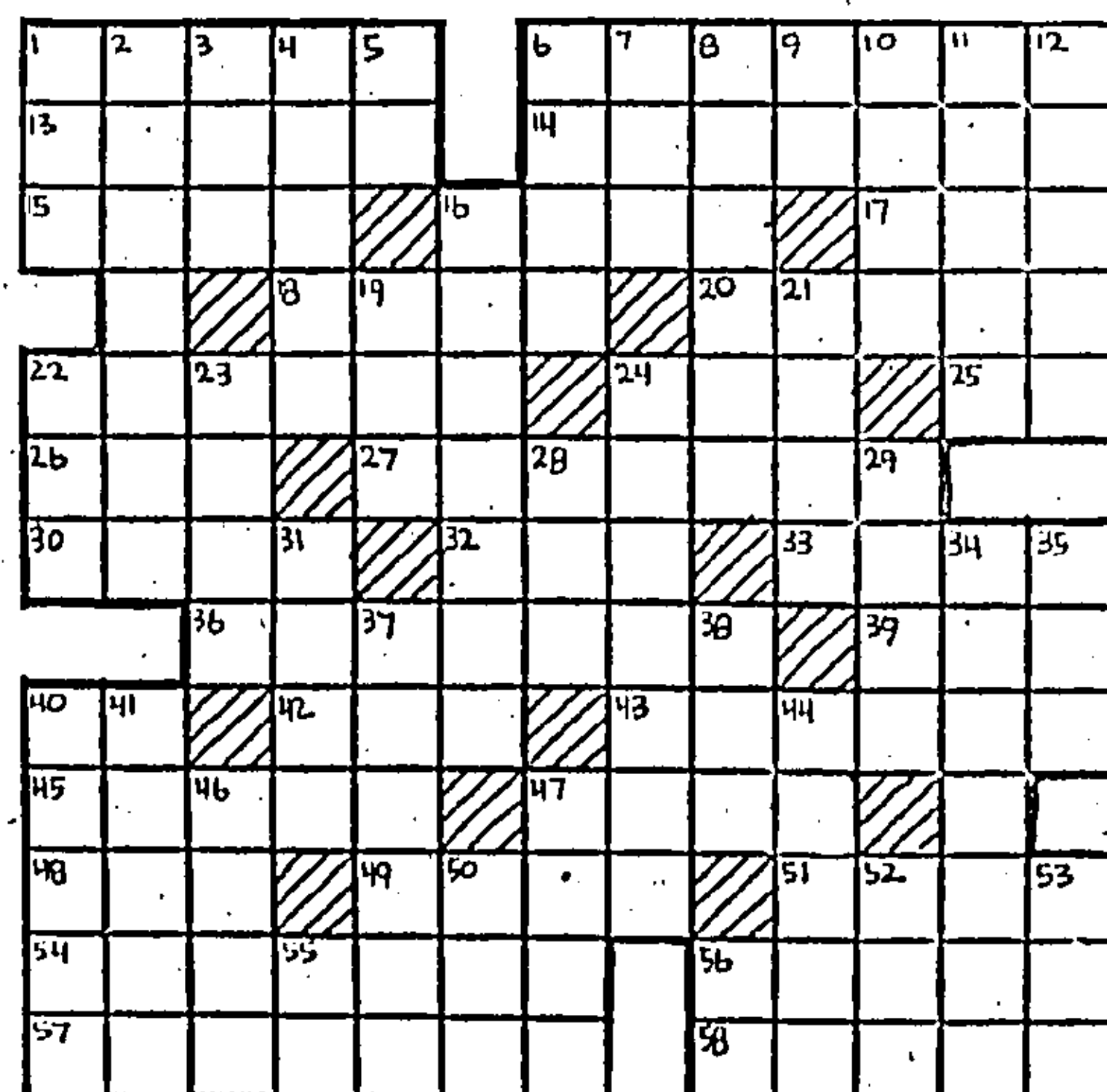
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Dead coating.
3—Accepted fact.
4—Killer whale.
5—Rip.
6—Reward of merit.
7—Girl's name.
8—Exclamation.
9—Cut in cubes.
10—Measure of volume.
11—The (German).
12—Concerning.
13—Fruit; adherent of.
14—Block of ice.
15—Fleas.
16—Causes fear.
17—Conductor.
18—Open.
19—Hebrew month.
20—Egg-cells.
21—Attack from siege.
22—Imitate signature.
23—Dole.
24—Digit.
25—Intellect.
26—Medicinal plant.
27—Part of compound.
28—Exchange.

DOWN

- 1—Biblical name.
2—Bitter counsel.
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London Still Has Its Soapbox Orators

By Brian A. Tobin

United Press Staff Correspondent

Sixteen months of war and five months of air raids have made little apparent change in one of London's old and most popular institutions: the Marble Arch rendezvous of soapbox orators and listening crowds.

At this traditional gathering place on a corner of Hyde Park, the speakers still ascend their stepladders and support by shouts, arguments and gesticulation their many brands of politics and religious.

Disregarding the occasional scream of the air raid sirens, the crowds still drift from group to group, heckling, applauding or scoffing.

Daily For Years

Some of the speakers and many of the listeners have come here daily for years. On a fine afternoon, there may be a dozen different stands going strong. The more popular speakers will have several hundred men and women grouped around them. A few will cry their message to unheeding passers-by.

For those who have a following the procedure is generally the same. They speak for as long as they can hold the attention of the audience. Then they call for "questions," and spend the rest of the time defending their cause, repulsing hecklers and appealing for quiet.

Almost every religious denomination has its spokesman here; almost every political group with a panacea for the ills of the world. Some of them are consistently well attended.

One of the favourites is a vigorous speaker for the "Socialist Party of Great Britain." His ladder is the highest, his voice the loudest. His method and his message have changed little in the last year.

There is little talk against war heard on the Corner, but government leaders and policies are freely assailed. Speakers go as far as they think the crowd will let them.

There are not so many Irish speakers as there used to be. Time was when half-a-dozen of them, flags waving from their platforms, would command large audiences on a Sunday afternoon, and enliven the proceedings with scathing references to each other.

The religious arguers still hold forth, badgering and heckling their listeners, and being badgered and being heckled in turn.

A current topics speaker strives to hold his listeners with wisecracks and grimaces; a slight young man with a moustache and an educated voice tells a crowd that America's foreign policy depends on a small group of over-alled, straw-chewing farmers in the Middle West who hold the political balance of power in the United States;

a buffoon capers to gain a few laughs.

As the early dark comes on, the speakers fold their stepladders and depart. It is forbidden to solicit funds in the Park, but some of them leave broad hints that "I shall walk away in that direction at the close of the meeting and if anyone wants to show some brotherhood..."

As the speakers leave, the crowds form discussion groups in the darkness to argue. Here and there a group starts singing popular songs.

On a recent evening a small group gathered for their regular singing party.

Hymn in Dark

Their leader said, "Well, this is probably the last night we'll be here. 'I'm going to a war factory in the north, two of the boys are joining up and one is being evacuated from London.'"

"So before we close up, I'd like us all to sing one song in memory of two of the fellows who used to sing with us Last week they were killed by a bomb. Let's have 'Abide With Me.'"

Standing in the dark the crowd sang. On the last note, as though timed to the second, the nightly air raid warning sounded, and the crowd drifted slowly away.

Our Own Aggressor-in-Chief

NAME the most combative figure in the House of Commons. Who is that dignified institution's most pugnacious member?

By common consent this position of aggressor-in-chief is held by Colonel the Right Hon. J. C. Wedgwood, M.P.

He has been at Westminster for 35 years. Throughout that period he has just gone from one conflict to another.

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Let me give you some snapshots from this album of memories and comments.

Churchill, when out of office, was invited to lunch with the Cabinet to meet Ribbentrop. Winston's comment to Wedgwood was: "I suppose they asked me to show him that if they couldn't back themselves they kept a dog who could bark and who might bite."

Of the Foreign Office Mr Wedgwood says: "Mr. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary, seems the only denizen of that august edifice not yet fossilised."

Mr Attlee, he says, "is too modest and nervous ever to become dominating at the Box in the House of Commons. He is perhaps too much inclined to accept the explanations of the Civil Service; but he is far and away the best leader the Labour Party has had or could have."

DESCRIBING the meeting of I.L.P. members in 1922 which supported MacDonald instead of Clynes for Party leadership, "MacDonald wisely refused to come to the meeting. Philip Snowden did come, and his was the one solitary voice warning us that if MacDonald led we should live to regret it."

"We must not annoy the Civil Service." This, he alleges, was the slogan of the first Labour Government in 1924. "The little inner junta of MacDonald-Thomas-Snowden," he goes on, "managed all things, while Arthur Henderson fumed outside the magic circle."

The Labour Party's mission, he says, "is to change sheep into men," while of the present Parliament he declares, "I like it better than any in which I have sat. I like this time better than any in which I have lived. I am never ashamed now, either of my party or of myself or of my country."

The only complaint I have to make about this grand book is the charge of 15s. for 240 pages.

I can only think that the publishers have their eyes on the United States market, and the prospects of big returns in dollar exchange with which to buy destroyers or something.



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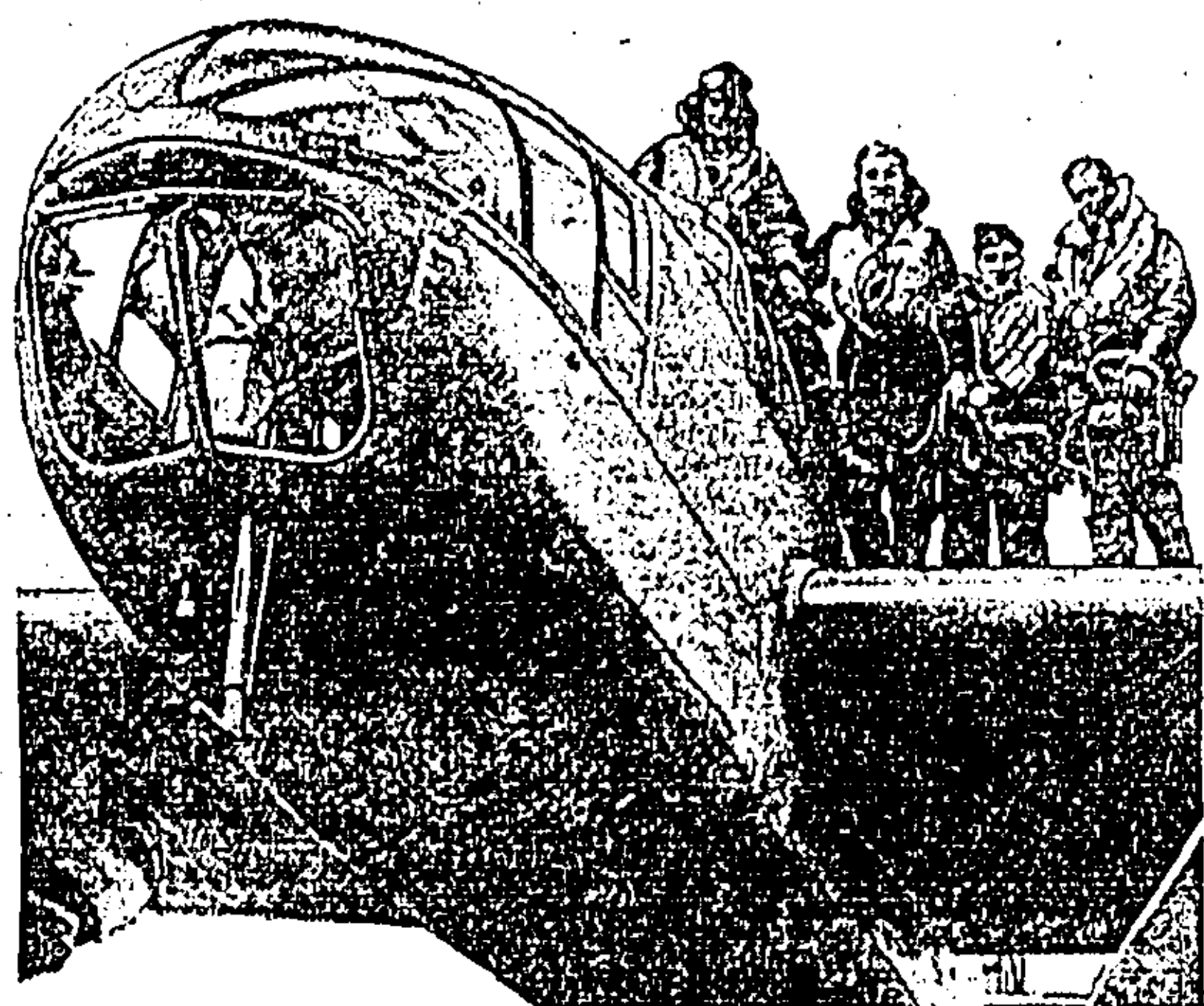
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CHINA'S DANGER

WHILE China would appear at casual survey to be enjoying a period of comparative rest and to be sitting safely in a middle position, a closer scrutiny shows that she is near the edge of a volcano, in withdrawing from which, she must exercise the greatest care, to avoid not only the impending eruption but also the fatal currents which result therefrom.

The Hunan campaign has been reduced to casual warfare, and while Chungking may or may not consider this a time of recuperation after victory it is possible too that the Japanese are also satisfied with maintaining the status quo. By withdrawing garrisons, reducing the force of their aerial bombardments and directing the point of their propaganda mainly against Communists, the Japanese are inducing a false sense of security in Free China while concentrating their battle-fronts in the south in accordance with Axis policy.

Free China must not, for her own protection, accept this temporary immunity as a guarantee for the future. By her present inactivity a mute acceptance is made which enables the invader to divide his forces with the confidence that no enterprising enemy will seize on his weakness and exploit it. Under Nazi guidance the Japanese are temporising with Chungking through German agents who know all the wiles of long term totalitarian diplomacy. In effect Tokyo is asking Chiang Kai-shek to sit out for a while and attend to Communists while Japan lends a hand in another quarter before coming back to renew the fray armed this time with Axis aid in place of promises.

The proof is so simple that it startles. China has always been willing to make a peace which would preserve her sovereignty, retain her territory and expel Japanese soldiers from her shores. Japan wants to exploit China as her first market. She has lamentably failed to do this through four years of fighting. At peace with China the growth of trade between the two countries would be enormous, fostered as it would be by the elimination of other markets through the European war. Furthermore, a vast army would be freed for Japan's other designs. The reason why Tokyo does not see things as simply as this is be-

RESCUE AT SEA: Ex-American Destroyer Saves 60 British Seamen



AMAZING picture—two of a series published in "Illustrated"—of the rescue of 60 British seamen of a torpedoed freighter. The survivors were picked up in mid-Atlantic by one of our newly-acquired American destroyers after they had been afloat for more than 13 hours. Above, the men come aboard the destroyer and (right) well wrapped up in the ship's blankets.

THE REAL MENACE AT SEA

It's the Submarine, not the Bomber, says

Capt. Bernard Acworth, R.N.

IN a recent broadcast, Lord Chatfield referred to "the pundits" who, before the war, forecast the crippling effect that bombing aircraft would have upon sea-power, and he emphasised that these forecasts had been wrong.

Many striking examples of the smallness of the damage that aircraft have been able to inflict upon warships, under the most favourable circumstances, are available to support Lord Chatfield's view.

There is the classic example of Dunkirk, where the Germans received their first big shock of surprise at the inability of their mighty Luftwaffe to bring disaster to a mass of stationary ships engaged in circumstances of exceptional difficulty.

Losses there were, but they were a small fraction only of what had been expected.

Bombers Defied

A striking demonstration of the comparative harmlessness of bomber attack in force against a fleet under free manoeuvre at sea was provided when the British Fleet pursued an Italian squadron to within sight of the Calabrian coast on July 9.

It was assailed by squadron after squadron of bombers from the Italian Air Force. Every ship had hundreds

of bombs aimed at it, but all escaped unscathed. Then, the Ark Royal has been repeatedly attacked since the outbreak of war, with no results. And only recently the Empress of Japan was bombed—and reached harbour.

It is, of course, true that many warships have been hit by bombs. The Empress of Britain was—although she, remember, was finished off by a submarine. It is true, also, that bomb casualties among small unprotected ships have been considerable. But, from the accounts that have been issued it is quite plain that of all the means of inflicting loss and damage on our warships—and particularly on the heavier ones—the bomb has been incomparably the least effective.

Norway & After

The same, it is believed, is true of our merchant ship losses, though the proportion of losses attributable to the gun, torpedo, mine and bomb has not officially been disclosed. Nevertheless, the adverse effect of the threat of enemy bombers on the exercise of our sea-power has, in fact, been very much greater than actual experience has justified.

It was anticipation of unbearable losses and casualties from bombers which deterred the surface ships of the Navy from tackling the huge German troop movements in the Skagerrak to Oslo—and these reinforcements, given by Mr Churchill as 120,000 men, led to the Norwegian failure.

It will be remembered that Mussolini gloated over this victory of air power over sea power—for a moral victory it certainly was. It cannot be doubted that the news greatly influenced his determination to challenge our sea power in the Eastern Mediterranean, where circumstances then were, and to some extent still are, very similar to conditions prevailing in the Skagerrak. What he overlooked was that the issue between air power and sea power in Norway was not put to the test, as it since has been.

But undue timidity in bringing warships deliberately into conflict with bombers has found its natural counterpart in reliance upon aircraft to do the work of warships. The Schennhorst. It will be remembered, when limping slowly south from Trondheim, damaged and heavily escorted, was attacked, not

by British warships, but by aircraft—by the result that she reached port.

Saving The Ships

Again, during the attack by heavy British warships on the French Fleet in Oran, the French battle-cruiser Strasbourg, and other units of the French fleet, steamed out of the harbour and made for Toulon.

Their destruction, also, was entrusted to aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm instead of to the powerful British surface ships which were present.

The French squadron reached Toulon. Other examples could be given of the exaggerated belief in the potency of the bomber against heavy ships, whether used against us or by us. They all go to show that, in the early part of the war at all events, air power was credited by those then directing policy with a potency that it did not possess—and with most unfortunate consequences.

In marked contrast to this undue apprehension of the threat from bombing aircraft was the confidence with which battleships and cruisers were subjected, again with unhappy results, to the fire of heavy shore batteries at Dakar.

This notwithstanding the accumulated experience of the weakness of ships versus shore guns. However much, therefore, those responsible for naval operations at the Admiralty may protest that sea-power has got the measure of the bomber, their actions in the past, as revealed in the few examples given, do not square with their protestations.

Facts To Face

If this question of the bomber versus the ship were a matter of past history, it would be mischievous to draw attention to it now. It would be a matter for historians to consider when the war was over.

But operations in the war are pending, and now taking place, which give this question much more than an academic, or historical, interest. If the bomber, for example, is still regarded as a threat comparable to the gun, torpedo or mine against merchant ships, we should expect to find convoys kept completely out of range, wherever possible, of enemy air-power. But, by so doing, the area would be narrowed in which they could approach our shores, and their danger from submarines would be correspondingly increased. In recent weeks our merchant ship losses from submarines have been very severe. In the Mediterranean, on the other hand, if movements of our warships were restricted by the fear of Italian bombers until we had got what is regarded as an ample margin of fighting aircraft to safeguard the fleet, we might well find decisive action delayed—with most unfortunate results.

More Ships

In view of the conflict in the earlier part of the war between practice and precept in this question of bomber-v.-ship, the recent inspiring speeches by Lord Chatfield and Mr Alexander and the exploits of the Mediterranean fleet are doubly welcome. They tend to show that in the future the threat of the bomber will be treated on its merits, as revealed by experience, and not on its fear-value.

Let us make no mistake about it. Our merchant ship losses are, at the present moment, our greatest source of danger.

If our own sea communications are secure, we are invulnerable. Conversely, a loss of control over our sea communications, caused by paying undue respect to the bomber, would spell disaster. The output of small warships and merchant ships should have precedence over all other war material, and the correct handling of our convoys is a question which can brook few errors of judgment.

Two Jobs for M.P.s Bill Adopted by Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Some controversy was aroused in the House of Commons to-day when the House debated the "Two Jobs for Members" Bill, officially styled as the Commons Disqualification Temporary Provisions Bill.

The Bill was originally introduced to legalise Mr. MacDonald's appointment as High Commissioner for Canada while Mr. MacDonald retains his seat as a member of Parliament.

The Government insisted on treating a division as a vote of confidence, but eventually the House gave the Bill a unanimous reading.

The Bill only lasts for one year and in the interim the Select Committee will seek to clarify the whole position of members of Parliament who accept offices of profit.

ATLANTIC CLIPPERS

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Five experienced British Overseas Airways pilots have arrived in New York to take delivery of a number of Boeing Clipper flying boats, it is learned in London.

They will fly the clippers to England, thus allowing the Overseas Airways to fulfil the promise by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, that Britain would resume the Atlantic service in the summer.

The new clippers weigh about 40 tons and carry over 5,000 gallons of petrol.

U. S. Envoy In Incident

Wilhelmstrasse Plaint
BERLIN, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The official organ of the German Foreign Office to-day sharply attacks the American Minister at Sofia, Mr. George Earle, for his alleged pro-British attitude, and complains of the similar attitude of other United States

Italo-German Exchanges

All War Needs Pooled

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Working of the Axis in the economic field is revealed in a dispatch from Rome quoted by the German news agency, stating that in accordance with the Italo-German Economic Agreement, which regulates, from time to time, clearing payments for the current year, Italian and German commercial exchanges are expected to reach a total of about one milliard Reichsmarks in both directions.

The guiding principle in the negotiations has been to satisfy all requirements essential to war economic demands, in which the combined demands of the Axis are regarded as one unit.

Coal Requirements

The whole of Italy's coal requirements, amounting to about 12,000,000 tons last year, will be completely covered by Germany.

Germany's deliveries of iron and steel to Italy will be more than doubled.

Italy will increase her shipments of agricultural raw production as well as sulphur and mercury to Germany.

A special agreement also provides for sending to Germany a further 200,000 Italian workmen, mainly metal workers, making the total Italian workmen in Germany in the current year 315,000.

diplomats.

Mr. Earle was the victim of an assault by Nazis in a restaurant in Sofia when he requested the orchestra to play the song "Tipperary" which aroused the rage of the Germans present. A German officer threw a champagne bottle at Mr. Earle, who retaliated by knocking him down.

Rumours Of Japanese Plans

Base Near Hongkong

KWEILIN, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Intensifying preparations for its push southward the Japanese War Office has created a special staff headquarters to take charge of operations in the south-eastern Pacific, according to intelligence reports reaching here.

Major-General Hashima, it is stated, has been appointed Chief of Staff, and his headquarters will be composed of members to be drawn from the staffs of the Japanese Army and the Japanese forces in South China.

Meanwhile, another dispatch received here states that Japanese troops, under the supervision of the engineering corps, have been constructing a huge airfield at Taiping, on the coast of Bias Bay to the east of Hongkong, which will soon be completed.

It is reported that the Japanese are preparing to use Bias Bay as a servicing station to provision Japanese naval vessels in the event of actual hostilities in the southeastern Pacific.

U.S. Air Corps For Alaska

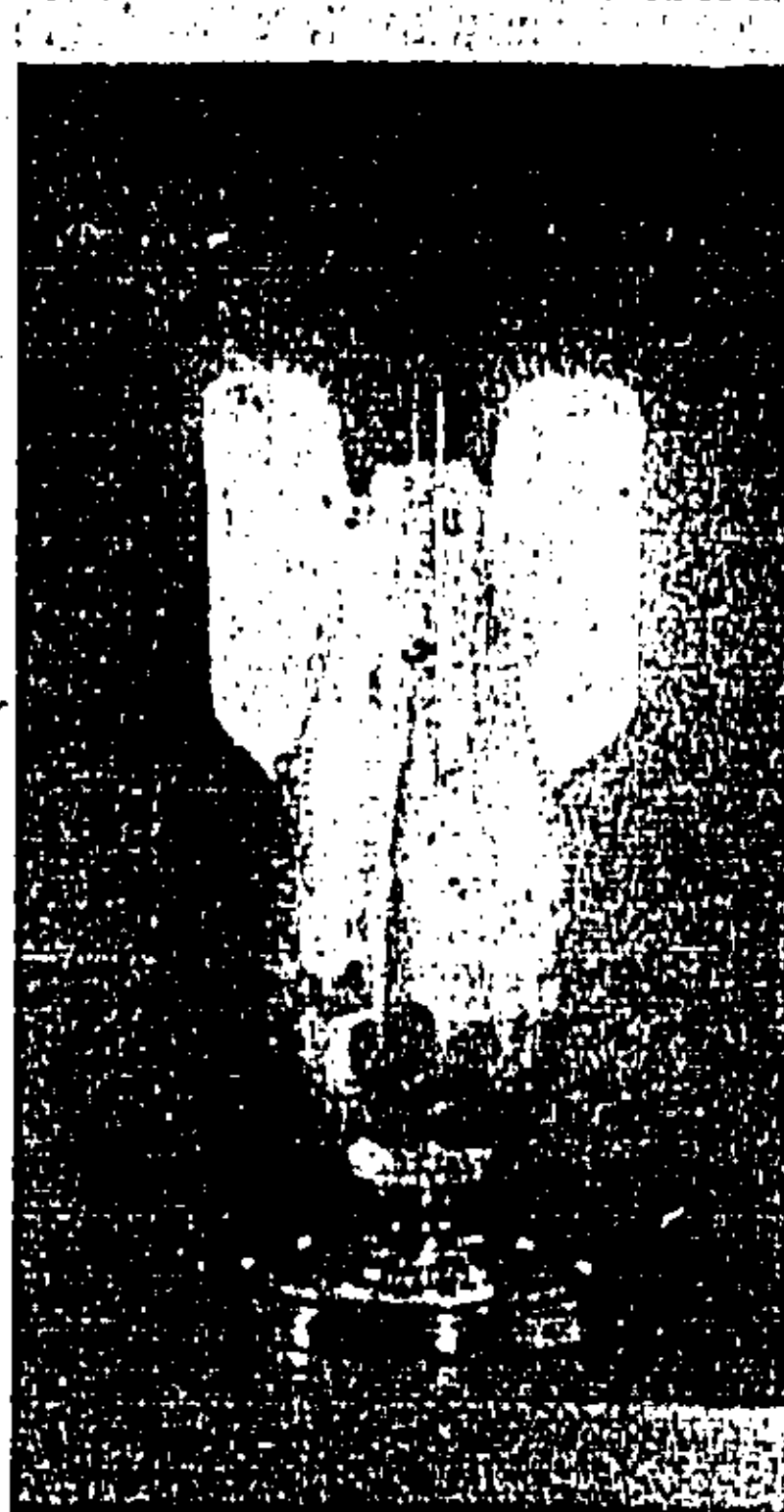
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Three additional U.S. Air Corps have just gone to Alaska and three more are scheduled to go there within two months, said Mr. Stimson, Secretary of War, to-day.

He added that the army's experiments with parachute troops had been so successful that the strength of this wing was to be increased four times.

Emergency Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An emergency bill to provide \$1,533 million for army and navy construction and development programmes was to-day passed by the House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate.

Collecting Boxes For Bomber Fund



This photograph shows one of the 25 collecting boxes, designed like a bomb, which are to be used for collecting money for the "South China Morning Post" and "Hongkong Telegraph" Bomber Fund.

The boxes were designed by Mr. S. E. Faber, A.C., and manufactured and presented to the Hongkong War Effort Committee by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. The boxes are made of brass. The main body is chromium plated, while the fins are plated copper. The base has an oxidised statuary bronze finish. A chromium plate is attached to the base bearing the inscription "Bomber Fund—Hongkong War Effort Committee."

Confer With Welles

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The United States Under-Secretary of State (Mr. Sumner Welles) was to-day seen by the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, this afternoon.

MR WINANT In Agreement On Helping Britain

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. John Winant, new American Ambassador to Britain, left by Clipper for Lisbon to-day en route to London.

In a statement made before leaving, Mr. Winant said that he and President Roosevelt were in agreement on the policy of material aid to Britain and he would do his best to carry through that policy.

"Whatever is done must depend on whatever the American people make it possible to do in the weeks and months ahead. We all know what England is doing and we recognise the gallantry, sacrifice and unity of her people under the leadership of Mr. Winston Churchill," Mr. Winant said.

Letter From Prisoners In Italy

LONDON, Feb. 27 (British Wire- less).—Flight-Lieut. J. F. Leeming, one of the founders of the Lanchester Aero Club, who with Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd was taken prisoner when the aircraft in which they were flying to Egypt was forced to land in Italy, has written a typically cheerful letter to an R.A.F. friend at home.

The letter is reproduced by the Air Ministry news service.

"We are of course very depressed at what has happened," Leeming writes. "However it might have turned out much worse. We are lucky to be alive and to be so well treated. People here have been very kind and we are comfortable."

Homemade Amusements

We play cards and draughts—we have made ourselves a draught board, and we are teaching ourselves Italian, and we walk. It is 95 paces around the garden and it takes 50 seconds to walk them. Yesterday we calculated that we walked five miles."

Leeming is personal assistant to the Air Vice-Marshal who was on his way out to Egypt to take up duties as Deputy Air Officer, Commanding R.A.F. in the Middle East when he was taken prisoner. He is the author of a well-known book for children "Clausius the Bee."

The letter was written on December 1 and reached England a few days ago.

Aid Britain Hurry

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—"In order that we shall not be guilty of a minute's more delay than necessary when Congress passes the Lease and Lend Bill, President Roosevelt will continue his series of conferences with the Chief of the War, Navy, State and Treasury Departments."

The President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, made this statement to-day and added that much more work remained to be done in getting the administration to handle the aid to Britain programme.

Free French Training College In Africa

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A military college which is destined to become the Saint Cyr of Free France in Africa has been opened at Brazzaville by General de Lamoignon, High Commissioner for Free French Africa, according to Free French circles.

The college at present houses 125 cadets, most of whom escaped from France to join General de Gaulle. The college is called Camp Colonna Dornano.

Martha Gellhorn Back From Burma

Mrs. Martha Gellhorn Hemingway, foreign correspondent for Collier's magazine and wife of the noted American war correspondent and author, Ernest Hemingway, returned last night by plane from Chungking after a visit to Lashio, Burma.

Mrs. Hemingway, who writes under her maiden name, Martha Gellhorn, said she left Hongkong at 4 p.m. on Monday and arrived at Lashio at 10 p.m. the same night.



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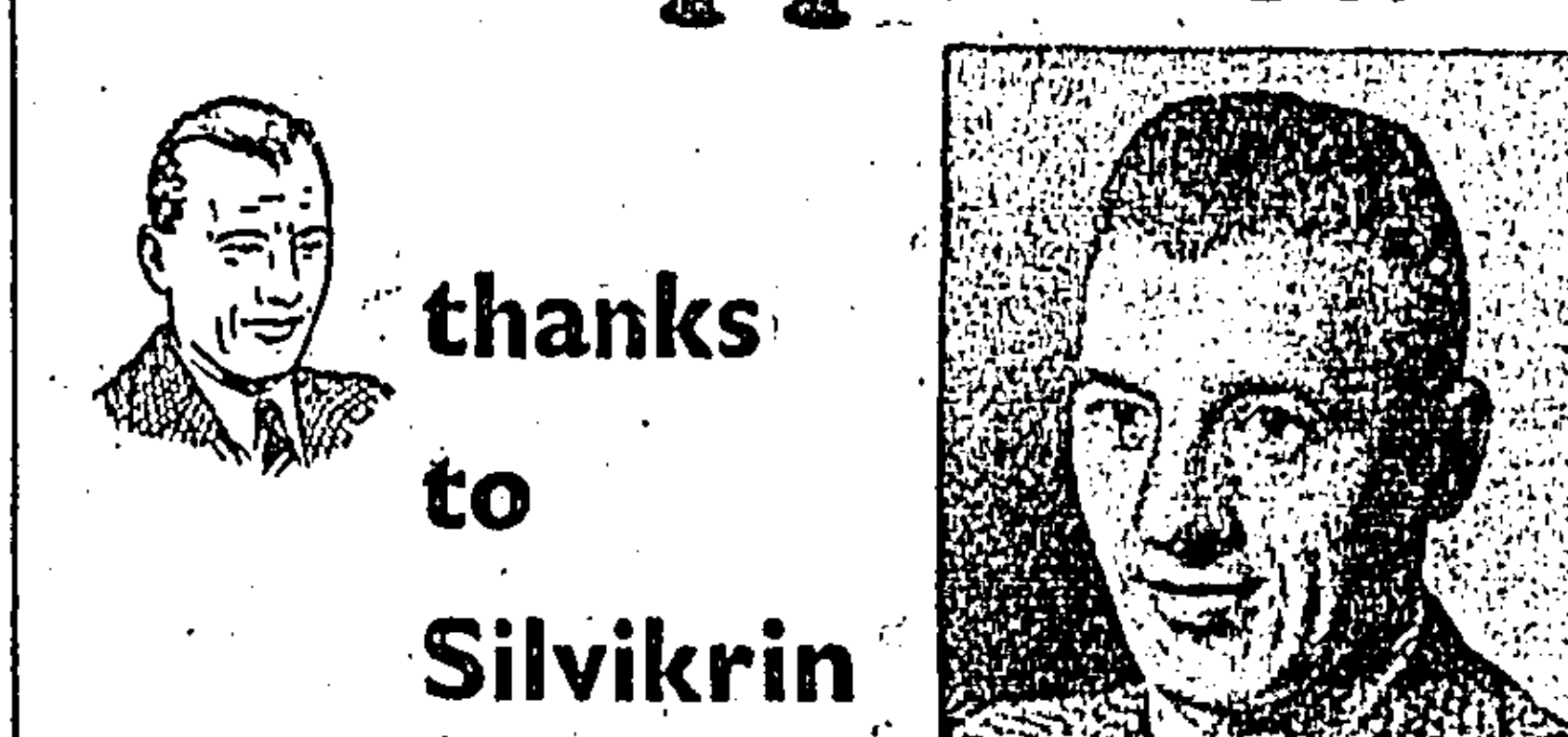
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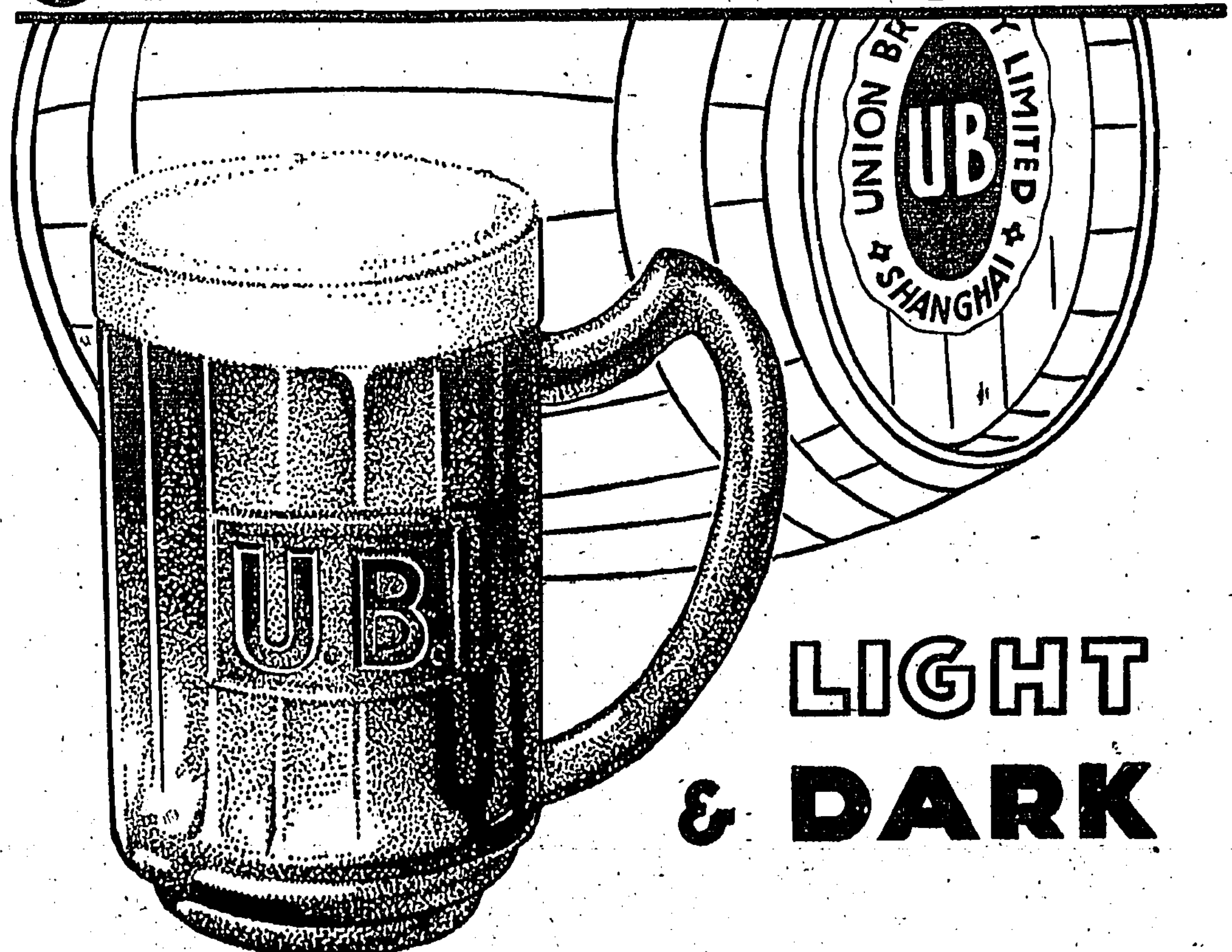
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Flemington Plate Entries Into Two Sections For Original 109 Entries

Hope For Nil Desperandum Stakes

The opening event at Happy Valley this afternoon is the Caulfield Stakes, for Australian griffins of this meeting, which should be good consolation to those ponies which have failed to cross the wire first, for the winner is to receive \$1,750.

On the book, Oracle should atone for her failure in the Austral Racing Stakes when Mr Li's candidate fell before Colooma by a short head over a distance of 1 1/4 miles. To-morrow the run is two furlongs less and Oracle is almost a dead certainty. Mountain View and Nomine Poenae are recommended for the lower positions.

There were originally 109 nominations of Australian subscription ponies of this season for the Flemington Plate, but the entries have been divided into two sections.

In the first section which is a run over the mile. A Surprising Time, Black Seal, Corsair, Fresh Air, Jus Gentium, Royal Sovereign and Sydney Lady are the remaining good non-winners, but a red pencil can be drawn right across Black Seal's name for the progeny of Billy Moore is on the walking list.

A Surprising Time finished third behind Endeavour and Mainsail in the first section of Blue Mountains Plate, but the last named has been drawn into the second section and the first racer with Mr Black up should have a easy passage. Royal Sovereign and Sydney Lady should fill the minor placings. Optima Fide may upset the applicant.

Bradbury's Bad Luck

I'd like to see Charlesber winning the Nil Desperandum Stakes confined to China pony griffins of this meeting over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in. Mr Bradbury with a long string of expensive animals deserves better luck, for there is no denying that the wheel of fortune has not lately been turning for him.

Charlesber, Palber and Royber were all entered for last year's

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The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.
The Secretary's Office, 1st floor EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.
A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Bay, (Tel 21820).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary

Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Interport Hockey XI

The following have been selected to represent Hongkong against Macao in the annual Interport Hockey series, which will take place in Macao this season on Saturday, March 9 at 3 p.m.:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (Club) and J. B. Consalves (Recreio); R. Marques (Recreio); W. A. Reed (Club); and N. B. Whitley (Club); Karminder Singh (Khalsa); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); B. T. Gosano (Recreio); H. L. Ozorio (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).

Reserves.—A.E.P. Guest (Khalsa) (full-back); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) forward; D. T. Smith (C.B.A.) (forward) and A. M. Alves (Recreio) (half-back).

Hongkong Derby, but none of them could face the start on account of being "dotty." However, Palber has picked up a small race, the Grand Stand Stakes, for the owner and it is hoped that Charlesber will follow the trail. Strong opposition is sure to come from Sun's Choice and Wonderful Scheme, but I firmly believe that Mr Bradbury's animal is a better animal.

There is, however, an "if" in my selection. It is rumoured that Lovelylight may or may not accept, but should the mare weigh in, preference should be given to Mr Muller's racer. After running third in the Hongkong Derby on a slippery going, Lovelylight has been under the care of a vet and that is the reason she has not been seen in public.

Spring Handicap

After readjustment of weights, the Happy Valley Spring Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile should provide another light finish. Incidentally the first leg of the daily double is on this event and we are sure to have a big field.

During the first four days of racing the Gymkhana Handicap was the only race in which the judges could not separate Conquering Time and Eve of Reason for the premier place with Hughher third losing by a short head. There were close behind a few more ponies. Jillsboro Bay and Lilliber were positive among the batch, but there were two more runners which I could not recognise due to the fact that their racing colours were plastered with mud.

However, with a ban placed on Conquering Time and Eve of Reason, I am confident that Mr Bradbury's two racers will be in the limelight and preference be given to Lilliber, and Jillsboro Bay should also be considered a hot stuff. Kentucky has no objection to a sloppy track and apart from being in fine condition, the mare is worth following up.

Yarra Stakes

The Yarra Stakes is a nice scramble for Austral griffins from the 1 1/4 mile post (about half mile 170 yards) and after craning all the winners in the list of entries, we have a good bunch of middle class speedy merchants. My best three are Inconceivable, Misty View and Vis Major and they should reach the touch line in the order I have named.

I have no confidence in Nomine Poenae because the pony's colour is not to my liking and Canberra does not like the gate business. King's Welcome has a nice record, finishing fourth in all her four outings, and I wonder whether the mare will break or follow the sequence. After running fourth in the Austral Trial Plate The Nineteenth Hole has not appeared in public, but should the mare turn out to-morrow she is worth \$5 each way.

Taiping Handicap

In the Taiping Handicap for "C" class China ponies over the mile, I

LAST DAY EVENTS

Children No Longer Allowed To Attend

The Fifth Day of the Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow at Happy Valley, the first saddling bell being rung at 1.30 p.m. instead of the usual 11 o'clock.

There are nine interesting events on the card, but a feature of to-morrow's programme is that a ban has been placed on all winners, excepting the Professional Cup, which is a champion contest confined to Australian subscription griffins of this season. With all winners locked in their stalls, we can certainly look forward with certainty to a good day's sport and but it only remains for the Weather Clerk to provide a sunny afternoon.

Titles Retained

The two champion events run on last Tuesday, not without excitement. Confusion Bay and Super have again retained their title as the champion China and Australian ponies respectively for another ten months, but when Autumn comes, these two holders may find much stronger opposition in the open class.

For over half a century the last day of the Annual Carnival has always been known as a big day for kiddies, but parents are reminded that no children will be admitted to the club's premises to-morrow.

During the last few years the presence of these little fellows has been a great nuisance to the racing public owing to the negligence of parents in allowing their children to run "in and out of the prohibited area." As a result, the Stewards have no other alternative but to refuse the admission of innocent tiny-tots.

Cricket

D.B.S. Trounce Ellis Kadoorie

Yesterday was a day for bowlers in a junior cricket match between the Diocesan Boys' School and the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School, the former winning by 81 runs.

The D.B.S., at home, totalled 118, of which Mr. Masters contributed a good 40, while K. Prokopoff not only scored 22 but took 3 for 2. D. Gaggino took 2 for 0, J. Ramsey 2 for 2 and B. Whitfield 2 for 3.

Scores were: D.B.S.—118 (N. Masters 40, K. Prokopoff 22, J. Ramsey 14, A. G. Hyder 5 for 42).

E. K. S.—37 (Extras 15, Gaggino 2 for 0, Prokopoff 3 for 2, Ramsey 2 for 2, Whitfield 2 for 3, Spary 1 for 7).

University Team

The following will represent University in a friendly match against Club to-morrow at Chater Road: N. C. Sen Gupta, L. T. Hida, K. Y. Tam, J. Paul, G. Hong Choy, J. Panton, K. B. Oh, N. Singh, T. C. Lo, S. Amplavanar, S. Mahmood. Reserve: D. Chelliah.

fancy Potentate to win with Galveston Bay and Emergency Unit in the rear.

By virtue of their successes, Amulet Star, Dutch Treat, Endeavour, Happy Returns, Moonlight, National Welfare, Santa Anita and United Express are ineligible for the Flemington Plate (second section) and it is a mile run.

I have reason to say that Mainsail owned by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, the Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, will have plain sailing in this event. The only two obstacles are Bugle and Vitellin M., but surely the Commodore's skipper knows how to keep a wide berth.



Mr Eric Moller leads in Racylight (F. Noodt in the saddle) after winning the Victoria Stakes on Monday last.—Ming Yuen.

Charity Basketball

Triple Game Card At Waterloo Rd To-morrow

A TRIPLE featured charity basketball programme has been arranged for this Saturday afternoon at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A.'s open air court on Waterloo Road.

Opening the triple bill at 2.30 p.m., Ping Ching Girls' School of Accountancy, Colony Open Champions, will play against the Sing Tao girl stars. In their last meeting at a charity match a few weeks ago, Sing Tao eked out a close win after a hectic struggle. The champions will be out to even the count when they meet again to-morrow afternoon.

The second game will find a team of Chinese movie stars and actors pitted against a quintette composed of Chinese newspaper reporters.

Benarba H'cap

The last race of the annual meeting is the Benarba Handicap for "C" and "D" classes Australian ponies and the outing is a long distance run of two miles. Cheerful Star should give a good account of herself with Warrego River and Venus Bay trailing behind.

In the spotlight final match, South China A.A.'s classy cagers take on the Canton Kuo Min University's varsity hoopers in a game that should prove to be a thriller. Admission to these games will be 20 cents and the amount derived will be donated to the under privileged Girl Students Welfare Association. A large crowd is expected to take in this charity basketball programme.

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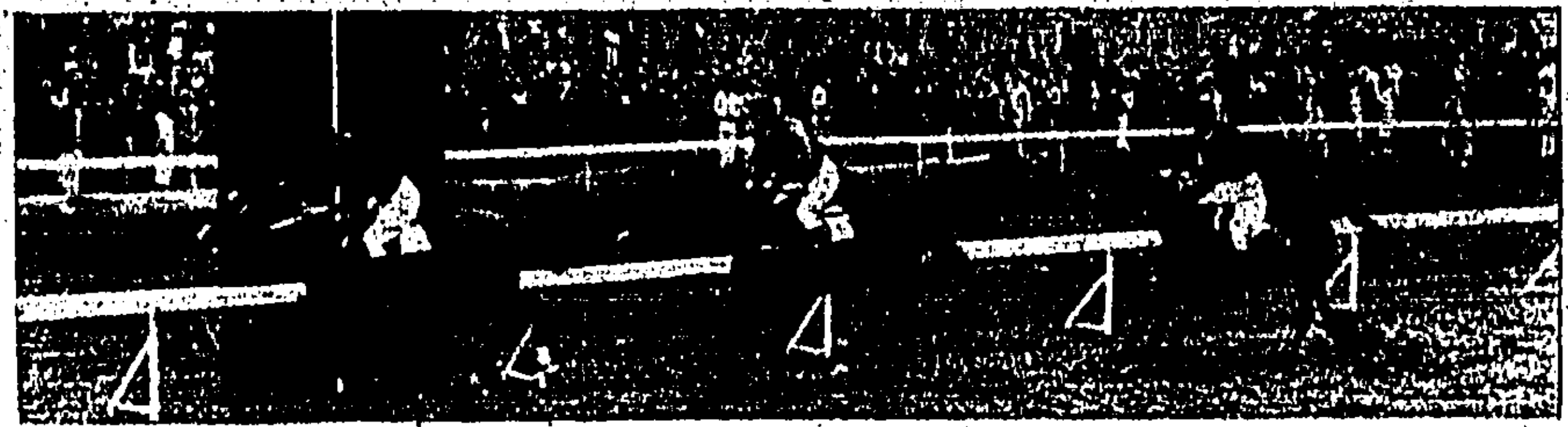
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Handsome Purse For Law Society's Cup

The main event of the afternoon's racing will be the Australian Subscription Ponies Champions associated with the Professional Cup presented by the Law Society, and the jaunt is over a course of one and a quarter miles.

It is a valuable classic event among the sub-griffins of this season, for the winner is to receive a nice silver trophy with \$3,500 added.

We are sure to have a big field, but it seems that nothing can stop the mare, United Express, from winning the title "Miss Australia of the Annual Carnival."

The Professional Cup is one of the old trophies; it was first run for, I understand, long before 1900 and the race was then for China pony griffins. But in 1922 it was changed to a champion event for subscription ponies and Mosaic Tile owned by the late

Mr C. E. Warren was the first winner. The last China subscription griffin to win the valuable classic was Marksman (Mr V. Needa) in 1939 and there was no Professional Cup in the following year owing to the failure of Russian dealers to supply China ponies.

A First Occasion

To-morrow will therefore be the first occasion for Australian subscription ponies to compete for the above old classic and United Express is my fancy. Endeavour and Jus Gentium will, I am sure, try their best to snatch the baton, but I doubt that they will be able to turn the scales.

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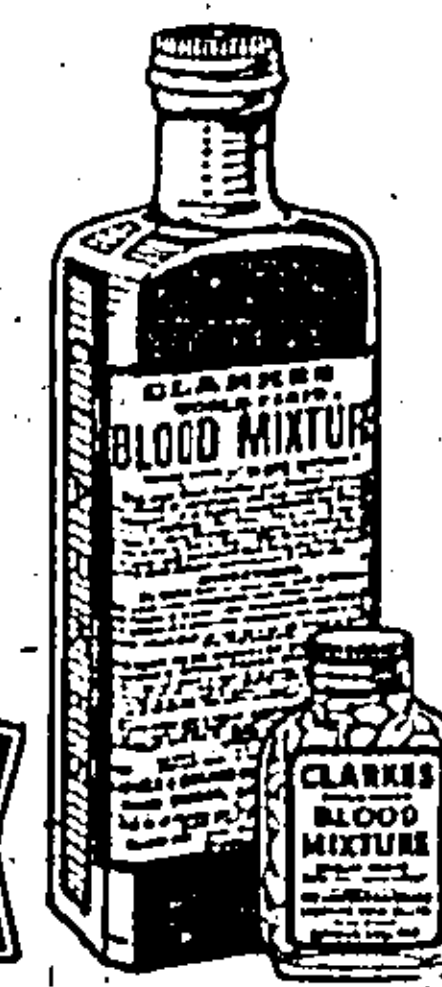
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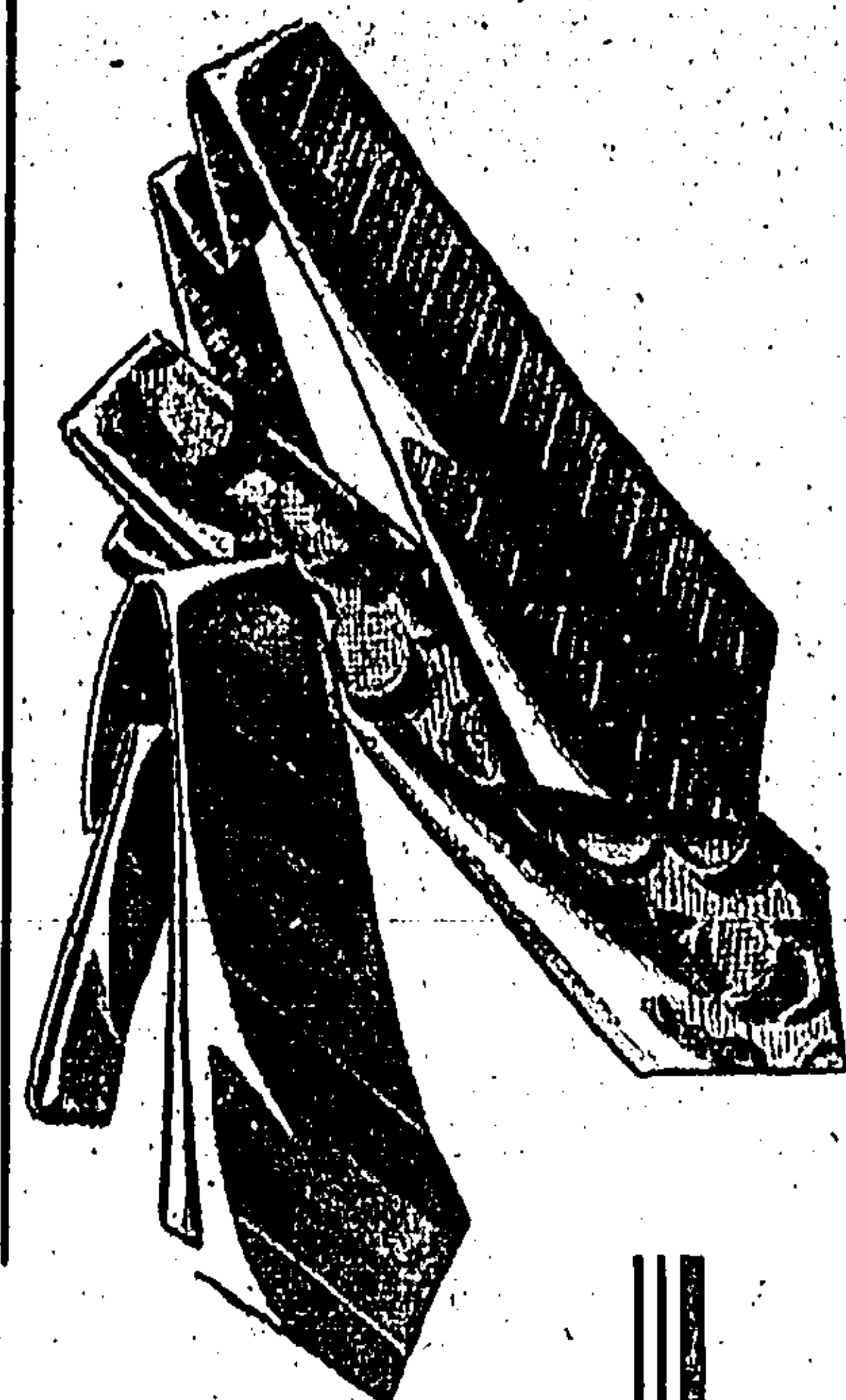
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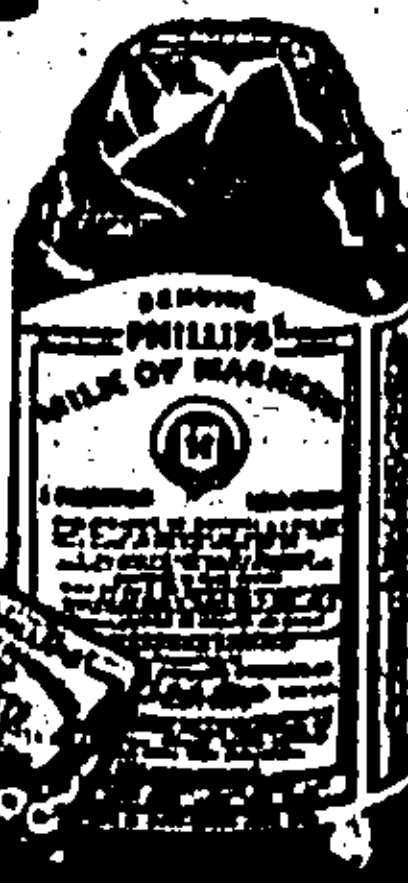
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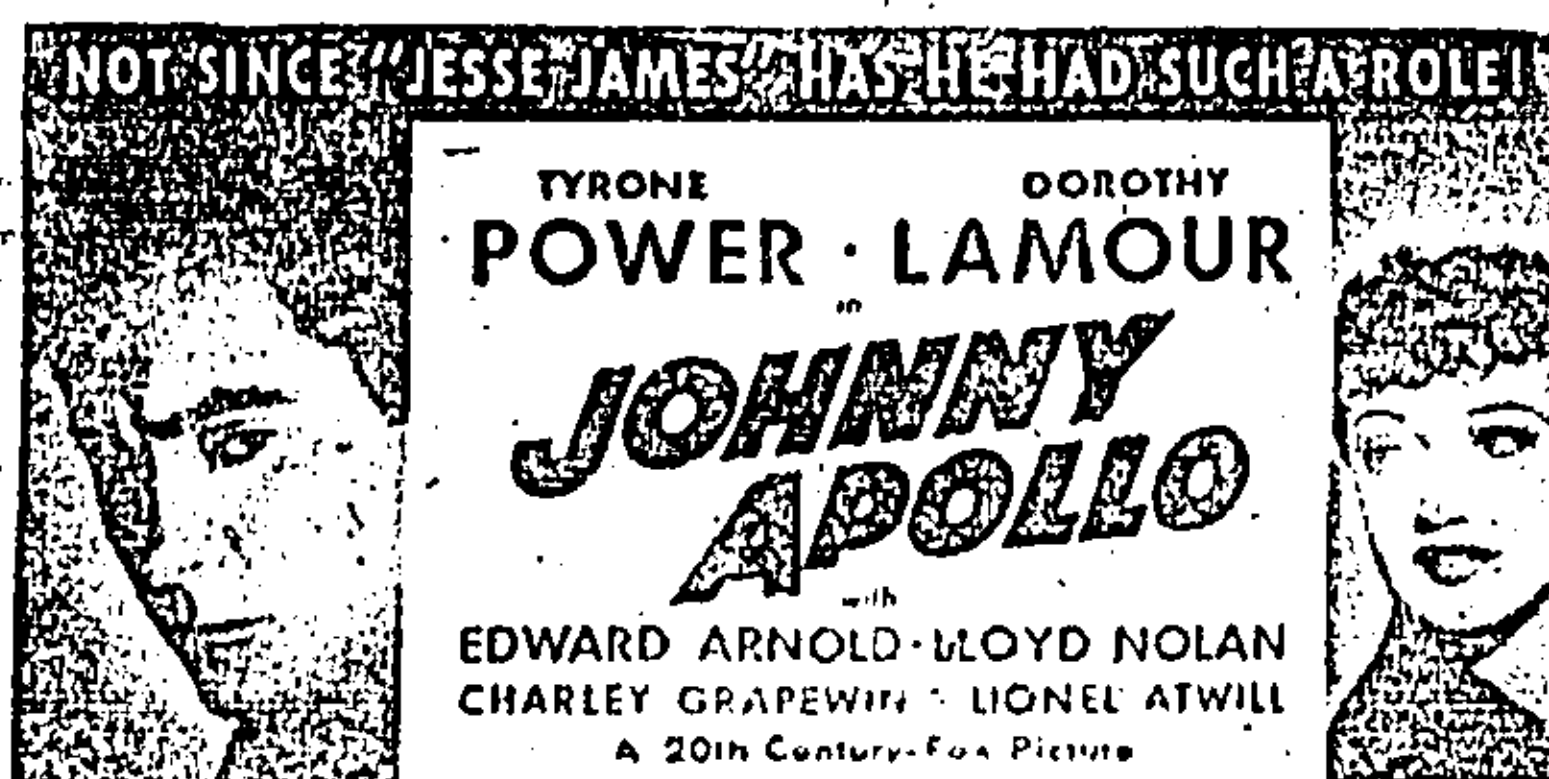
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Demoralised Italians Retreat & Surrender

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Italian fighters, made mass attacks on Matlese airports. Ten enemy planes were set on fire on the ground, many others were seriously damaged, and hangars and installations were hit.

In air fights, four Hurricanes were brought down, two by German and two by Italian fighters.

Off Tobruk

On February 25, the communiqué states, German planes hit an enemy destroyer off Tobruk with large calibre bombs, and also concentrations of enemy motorised vehicles and artillery emplacements near the town.

German torpedo-carrying planes sank a 5,000-ton merchantship, in the Western Mediterranean.

British Comment

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is pointed out in official circles here that the Italians have not yet been told of their heavy defeat in the fall of Mogadiscio.

Official comment on the description in the Italian communiqué of the Malta attack points out that it makes no reference to the facts given in the Malta communiqué that the attackers lost two planes to British fighters and five to anti-aircraft fire while six were badly damaged that they probably did not reach their bases.

Abandoned Towns

KHARTOUM, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Relemit, which is about thirty miles north of Keren, still besieged by the British has been occupied by our troops without resistance.

Nakfa, abandoned by the enemy, has also been occupied.

No More Concessions In Thai Dispute

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bodied men who are not connected with the Army to join a special defence corps as soon as possible, owing to the present uncertain situation.

Informed quarters report that Indochina's attitude towards the negotiations is stiffening, therefore the Government is taking definite precautions should the negotiations fail. They asserted that growing bitterness is directed against Japan rather than Thailand in view of the fact that Japan is revealing her stand in the negotiations. They interpreted the Japanese evacuation as preparation for Japanese pressure for the acceptance of the Thailand demands which Thailand would never make unless backed by a third power.

Get Ready To Leave

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (Domel).—The Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Minoda, received representatives of Japanese residents at the Consulate this morning when it was understood that he advised them to prepare for evacuation as a precaution against possible complication in the Tokyo mediation conference.

There are at present about 120 Japanese residents in Saigon.

French Troops Ready

VICHY, Feb. 27 (Domel).—Authoritative circles disclosed that the French are making troops along the Thai-Indo-China frontier ready to resume hostilities if the armistice talks fail.

Japanese Dead Eligible For Enshrinement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domel).—The Yasukuni Shrine will hold memorial services for those killed in the China hostilities and on the Manchurian border in solemn ceremonies sanctioned by the Imperial Court for April 23, with the Extraordinary Festival of the Shrine being held from April 24 to 28.

The Army and Navy authorities have conducted investigations as to those eligible for enshrinement and have decided upon some 15,000 who gave their lives for the country up to the end of December, 1938.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, arrived here from Chengtu by plane to-day.

Guerillas Close Inland Shipping From Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—A recrudescence of guerilla activities in several districts on the north bank of the Yangtze River between Shanghai and Nanking recently forced the Japanese to close all inland shipping from Shanghai for eight days, information relayed to Chungking reveals to-day.

The areas in which the Chinese guerillas were most active included Nantung, Haimen, Tsinghsiang, Kaoyu, and Kiangtu. Shipping was not resumed until February 24, these reports state.

Railways Damaged

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Heavy damage is believed to have been sustained by the Japanese at Sinsiang, junction of the Peiping-Hankow Railway and the Taokou-Chinghua Railway in north Honan, as a result of a Chinese raid on their munitions depot there on the night of February 13.

Two Japanese grounded planes were also destroyed in a simultaneous attack at the Japanese airfield there. Further damage was done to the Canton-Hankow Railway between Voyang (Yochow) and Yunkai in north Hunan last week by Chinese saboteurs.

The Japanese troops invading Wuksih and Hsiehpushih on the west bank of Yao Lake, south-east of Nanchang in Kiangsi, have suffered considerable casualties, and the Japanese crossing the Fu River flowing south of Nanchang are encircled.

Invader's War Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

UNDISCLOSED BASE, Feb. 27 (Domel).—Japanese naval planes in the upper Yangtze regions on February 25 and 26 raided Kaolan, 75 miles south of Anking in Anhwei

province, and severely strafed part of the 145th Chinese Division stationed there, the Press Section of the Japanese Fleet in Central China waters announced to-day.

The raiders also destroyed many military buildings and started fires at several places.

Story Of The Fall Of Mogadiscio

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line which the Italians apparently thought impregnable in the face of opposition.

Bridge Bombed

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Stores and troop concentrations and supply dumps were attacked by the R.A.F. in the Keren area with good effect.

At Asaba, bombs were dropped on a large transport yard while near Massawa, ammunition stores and other military objectives were raided.

A railway bridge at Awash, near Addis Ababa, was attacked and a direct hit damaged the bridge and track.

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Chinese Army On Burma Frontier

BANGKOK, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Twenty thousand regular Chungking troops have moved into Burma recently in order to strengthen the British defences there, says a semi-official Japanese agency, mentioning "authoritative reports."

There is lack of confirmation from other sources. It is understood that the arrival of Chungking troops in Burma was carried out in accordance with a secret Anglo-Chinese military alliance, concluded in Chungking last month, says the Japanese report.

THE R.A.F. IN ALBANIA Score Successes

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Highly successful attacks on the Albanian villages of Luzati, south-east of Tepelini, and Fieri were made yesterday during an R.A.F. operation supporting the Greek Army, says a communique issued to-day by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

Direct hits were scored on a concentration of motor vehicles near Luzati and on military camps at Fieri, where several large fires were started. At Fieri, swooping low, the aircraft machine-gunned the military headquarters and other targets. British planes intercepted a convoy of cargo ships and a gunboat two miles off Valona, successfully machine-gunning them.

All British planes returned safely.

Effective Artillery

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Bad weather is still holding up large-scale operations on the Albanian battlefield, states the Greek Press Ministry.

Greek artillery, however, has continued to pound enemy positions with marked success and much damage by shells bursting in Italian trenches has been registered.

At one point, an Italian column received direct hits and suffered heavy losses.

The Greek Air Force continued to drop bombs on military targets, store dumps, columns on the march and motor transport concentrations.

PILOTS IN BURMA VOLUNTEERS TO COMPLETE COURSE IN INDIA

RANGOON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The first batch of Acting Pilot Officers to complete the Burma Volunteer Air Unit Training course have gone to India for more advanced training, says a communique issued to-day.

Another complement of pilot officers are under training in Burma.

Six Die in Air Liner Crash Near Atlanta

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATLANTA, Feb. 27 (UP).—Six were killed and several others injured when an air liner crashed 15 miles south of Atlanta yesterday. The dead included Representative William Byron of Maryland.

Others fatally injured were: B. C. M. Van der Hoop, President of the Dutch-owned tin processing corporation, which is building the new smelter at Houston, Texas; A. Liebowitz of Atlanta, Juan Maria of San Salvador, Pilot Captain G. E. Perry, Co-Pilot L. E. Thomas, and Steward Clarence Moore.

Those injured included Captain Eddie Hinkensacker, broken leg, back injuries, possible internal injuries, gash over one eye, suffering from extreme shock; H. A. Littlefield, "New York Times" Assistant Managing Editor, critical back injuries; P. L. Brady, engineer of New York, right leg fractured.

NO MORE CONCESSIONS IN THAI-INDO-CHINA DISPUTE SAYS VICHY

Special to the "Telegraph"
VICHY, FEB. 27 (UP).—AN OFFICIAL VICHY SPOKESMAN, TALKING TO A "UNITED PRESS" CORRESPONDENT REGARDING THE THAILAND-INDO-CHINA ARMISTICE IMPASSE, DECLARED: "FRANCE HAS FIXED HER MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS, AND IT IS AN IRON-BOUND CERTAINTY THAT FRANCE WILL NOT GO AN INCH BEYOND THEM, WHATEVER HAPPENS."

DEVASTATION OF COLOGNE

City Becomes Big Bonfire

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—One hundred and fifty fires were burning at one time in the industrial area of Cologne on Wednesday night.

This was the result of an attack by a strong force of R.A.F. bombers. The attack proceeded systematically for two and a half hours. As incendiaries, sticks of bombs and heavy bombs followed each other, the patches of fire grew until they joined into a huge conflagration, devouring ware-houses and factories. Oil storage tanks on the Rhine bank blazed with lurid green flames mixed with volumes of smoke, while sharp heavy explosions contributed to the general destruction.

ENGLISH CHILDREN KILLED Nazi Raiders Busy

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Cloud-dodging German air raiders have been more busy over Britain during daylight today than for some time.

Lombs have been dropped in the outskirts of London and at a number of places in East Anglia, and there were a few casualties.

One raider, after dive-bombing an east coast town, machine-gunned children going to school but all escaped.

Several children were killed by bombs dropped on one East Anglian town. It is believed that at least two German raiders were destroyed.

Heinkel Engaged

One Heinkel bomber approaching small units of the British Navy in the North Sea this morning was hotly engaged and it is considered certain that the machine was unable to reach its base, the Admiralty announces.

Another bomber, it is believed, fell into the sea after a battle with a British fighter.

N.E.I. — Japan Progress

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—"Smooth progress" in the economic conversations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies is indicated in a message from Batavia to the "Domest" agency.

Mr. Yutaka Ishizawa, Japanese Consul-General, and Jonkheer Van Hoogstraeten, head of the Dutch East Indies delegation, had another conference to-day. It is understood that they met yesterday for over three hours.

NAZI METHODS IN NORWAY Cruelty To Boys

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—A fresh example of Quislingite violence towards Norwegian school-children is reported to-day by the Norwegian news agency.

According to the Swedish newspaper, "Social Democrat," a detachment of Quisling storm-troopers forced their way into a school at Sten and demanded to be taken to a class in which were several boys who, they alleged had maltreated a member of the Quisling Youth Guard.

The leader of the storm-troopers jumped on the teacher's desk and ordered four boys to follow him to an out-house where they were stripped naked and beaten with leather straps. The school managers and staff have sent a strongly worded protest to the Ministry of Church and Education.

Jervis Bay Casualties Announced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that among the Jervis Bay casualties were 34 officers missing, presumed killed.

They include the Commander, Acting Captain E. S. P. Fegen, Lieutenant A. H. W. Bartle, Lieutenant A. W. Driscoll, Lieutenant G. E. C. Wood, Surgeon Lieutenant G. E. Evans and Lieutenant K. M. Morrison.

"The Jervis Bay was protecting a convoy in the Atlantic last November when a German surface raider attacked the ships. The Jervis Bay made a heroic effort to draw the fire of the raider and succeeded to such good effect that she herself was sunk. But of the convoy of 30 ships, only four were lost as the result of her courageous action. Captain Fegen was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross."

LATEST

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"We have been given guard of the empire under the armistice with Germany, and we will keep our word."

Shanghai reports that the terms the French refused were Japan's final offer are declared in Vichy as being exaggerated.

It is learned that on Saturday last Admiral Darlan informed Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador, that the position was as follows:

France needs war materials to maintain the integrity of Indo-China and she would like to buy planes and other fighting equipment for immediate delivery from the United States.

So far there has been no reply from Washington, although earlier in February Mr. Cordell Hull said that the United States declined to deliver planes and other war materials to Indo-China.

"Must Make Them Agree"

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Colonel Tatsuji Koike, Chief of the Japanese mission to Indo-China when asked regarding the prospects of the Tokyo negotiations, told the "United Press" exclusively: "There is only one way out—we must make Indo-China and Thailand agree."

He asserted that Mr. Matsuo's statement regarding a Japanese Lebensraum in the Southern Pacific, "naturally includes Indo-China." Asked to comment on Thailand's demands for two thirds of Cambodia and Laos, the Colonel replied: "The demands might look large from a glance of the Indo-China map, but actually I think it quite proper that the Thais should obtain these territories."

He said that a prospective war between Japan and Britain only exists in Britain's imagination. Nine times during the interview he reiterated that Japan does not want to fight Britain.

Mr. Hull's Comment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a query regarding Japanese mediation between Indo-China, and Thailand said, he was uninformed whether or not the talks had broken up. He asserted he did not care to dignify with comment the report that the United States had participated in the talks or tried to influence the parties concerned.

Accused of Dictating

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The President on the Cochinchina Colonial Council, M. Henry De Luchevotiere in a signed editorial in "De Peche" writes: "Japan's attitude at the Tokyo negotiations is unneutral. Japan is not mediating but rather dictating. He urged the Indochinese government not to accept the Thai demands."

The Mayor of Saigon officially appealed to all native and French able-bodied men to return to work.

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They Find Sanctuary & Happiness

These little English toddlers are safe from Hitler's Luftwaffe. Happiness lights their faces as they group themselves on one of the massive staircases at Byron House in Ottawa which is their sanctuary from the war-raging over their beloved country. The large residence, one of Ottawa's finest, has been taken over as a school and dwelling for child war guests.



Demoralised Italians Retreat And Surrender In Thousands

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The repulse of armoured vehicles believed to be German is reported in a communique, which says that in Libya, advanced elements of British mechanised forces encountered and drove back west of Agaila, a reconnaissance unit of armoured fighting vehicles believed to be German.

In Eritrea, while the British forces continue actively to contain the main body of the enemy about Keren, further progress has been made by our column advancing southwards from Cubeb.

Big Need For Faster Merchant Liners

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—A comprehensive review of British shipping problems was given by Lord Rotherwick, formerly Sir Herbert Cynzer, President of the Chamber of Shipping at its annual meeting in London to-day. He urged the building of faster cargo liners.

CONFIDENCE IN CHURCHILL Get On With War

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Mr. Winston Churchill, for the first time since he formed his administration, to-day asked the House of Commons for a vote of confidence and received it without even the formality of a division.

He told the House that a debate on the Disqualification Bill would be treated as a vote of confidence in the Government. After stating that the whole question of appointments would be considered by the Select Committee, the Prime Minister added: "Meanwhile, let us get on with the war because, though one might hardly think it, there is a war on in which our lives and liberties and even wider causes are hanging in the balance."

PEIPING POST Wang Keh-min Again

PEIPING, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Major General Morioka, head of the Chinese Affairs Board here, is relinquishing his post on promotion. His successor has not yet been nominated.

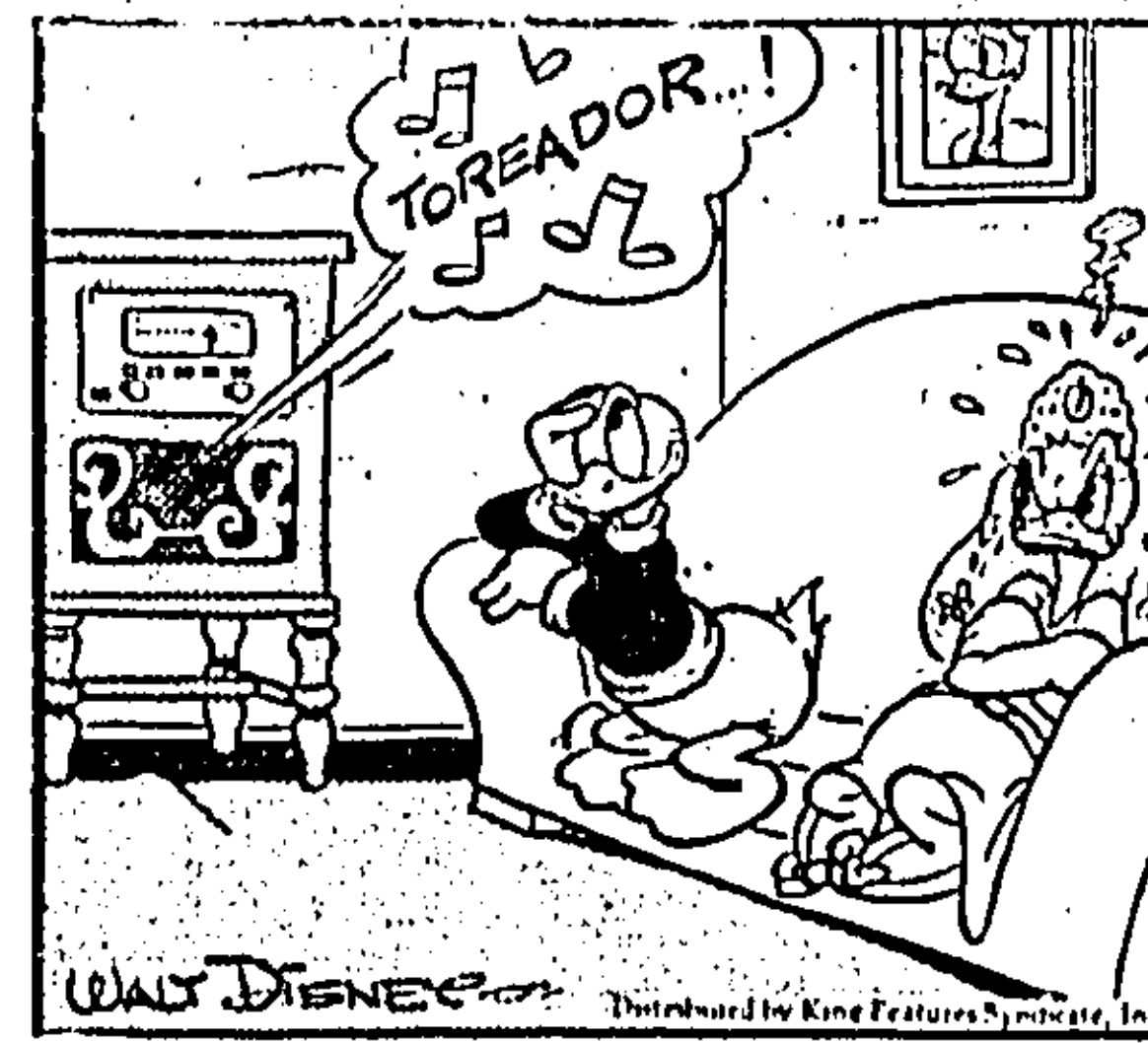
"It is strongly rumoured in Chinese circles that Wang Keh-min, head of the North China Political Affairs Commission, will resign. It is also believed that the former head, Wang Keh-min, will resume that post."

Dutch Jews And Nazis Fight in Amsterdam

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Reports of "wild and bloody fights" between Jews and Dutch Nazis in Amsterdam—placed this week under martial law by the Germans—have reached "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London.

The newspaper states that in the Jewish district of Amsterdam there have been fights as the result of uniformed Dutch storm troopers marching through the quarter. There was widespread fighting on February 12 when parties of young men attacked the marching Nazis. Civilians and policemen were injured and one Nazi was found dead on the pavement. The police then isolated part of the town to prevent further demonstrations. The newspaper adds that the Jewish leaders addressed the Jews in town, exhorting them to show calmness and dignity whatever the provocation.

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Bevin Calls On Workers To Hustle

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An appeal to dockers to "help us beat Hitler" was made by Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, who announced in London to-day a new scheme for dock labour on the Merseyside which will improve and speed up working conditions.

Mr Bevin said that transport has now become a key factor and organisation of transport would determine the duration of this struggle.

Clearing Ships

"We are aiming at 40 per cent. quicker turn-round of ships and clearance at ports. I want to appeal to my friends, the dockers, to help us beat Hitler."

Mr Bevin said that the Merseyside scheme will start on March 10 and will be applied later to Clyde ports. He added that we must secure a quicker turn-round and a bigger output if we were to cope not merely with the attack that was being made now but the attack we were threatened within a very short time.

DUCE "EXPLAINS" FAILURE

Spanish War Took Resources

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In what appeared to be an attempt to explain away the serious reverses recently suffered by Italy, Mussolini to-day issued, through the Stefani agency, a long list of armaments which he sent to General Franco during the Spanish civil war.

An accompanying statement by the diplomatic correspondent of the agency says: "The figures indicate how important was the contribution to Spain which, coming immediately after the powerful effort made in Ethiopia, doubtless struck a blow at Italy's war potential."

"These two big drafts on the strength of the armed forces were made while other nations were able, on the contrary, to devote all their means to preparing for war."

Spanish Intervention

Explaining the reason for Italian intervention in the Spanish civil war, Stefani's diplomatic correspondent says that it was necessary, "for reasons of national, revolutionary and Mediterranean policy."

National and Mediterranean reasons made it necessary, he continues, to prevent Spain from becoming a military and naval base for France and Britain against Italy while revolutionary reasons demanded Italian Fascist intervention for the system was modelled on it.

Turkey Welcomes Mr Eden

ANKARA, Feb. 27 (Reuter).

"The Turkish nation most respectfully salutes the Commonwealth of British nations in the persons of its two very distinguished representatives," declares the Turkish newspaper, "Ulus," in a warm tribute quoted by the Ankara radio.

The sincere reception accorded to Mr Eden and General Dill, adds the paper, is a friendly manifestation of the affection and confidence the Turkish nation feels towards Britain, who has been a most influential factor in the destinies of Turkey.

Mr Eden is described as a statesman likely to play an important role in the history of the British Empire and known to be an old and warm exponent of Anglo-Turkish friendship.

The paper concludes that the Turkish nation earnestly hopes that the guests' stay in Ankara will be a happy one and that their contacts there will be fruitful for the good of the two nations.

Staff With Cripps

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—According to a Moscow dispatch to the official Gorman news agency, Sir Stafford Cripps, when he left Moscow by plane for Istanbul, was accompanied by Mr John Russell of the British Embassy and Squadron Leader Charlton Allamell, the British Air Attache.

Japanese Dead Eligible For Enshrinement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The Yasukuni Shrine will hold memorial services for those killed in the China hostilities and on the Manchurian border in solemn ceremonies sanctioned by the Imperial Court for April 23, with the Extraordinary Festival of the Shrine being held from April 24 to 28.

The Army and Navy authorities have conducted investigations as to those eligible for enshrinement and have decided upon some 15,000, who gave their lives for the country up to the end of December, 1938.

Currie's Farewell To China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—"I leave with my faith in the greatness of China's destiny confirmed," declared Mr Laurence Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, upon his departure to-day by air for Hongkong en route to Washington.

In a statement to the Press, he says: "I wish it were possible, on leaving Chungking, to express adequately my gratitude for the warm hospitality which has been accorded me and Mr Eric Despres (A member of the Mission).

Co-operation

"Government departments have been co-operative in furnishing information. This has made our task relatively easy. I want to convey my thanks through the press to the many people in the Government offices who have worked hard to make this co-operation effective."

"For me, this visit has been a memorable experience and I leave with my faith in the greatness of China's destiny confirmed."

Mr Currie and Mr Despres were seen off at the airfield by a number of Chinese leaders, including Dr H. H. Kung.

FREE CHINA Special Classification Of Imports

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 28 (I.N.A.).—Fourteen categories of goods can be imported to Free China regardless of the country of origin, as they are badly needed for internal consumption, according to instructions from the Ministry of Economics.

The list includes cereals, cotton yarn, iron and steel, machinery, communication materials, cement, chemical products, agriculture implements, salt, medical supplies, petroleum products, gunny bags, alcohol etc.

Fanling Golf Starting Times

Sunday

- OLD COURSE:
9.10 G. E. Costello, B. D. Evans.
9.20 F. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
9.30 A. V. Greaves, I. H. C. Hiplet.
9.40 G. M. Park, F. A. Howard.
9.50 R. H. Challinor, J. B. Harrison.
10.00 A. W. Bourne, R. Young.
10.10 J. Harrop, J. Linaker.
10.20 M. H. Turner, J. C. Taylor.
10.30 A. H. Burgess, T. V. Meagher.
10.40 G. D. Clague, P. E. Annis.
10.50 H. M. Howland, P. M. Cotton.
11.00 G. Hobb, R. L. S. Webb.
11.10 A. C. Meredith, J. Fleming.
11.20 S. T. Butler, T. Low.
11.30 J. W. Clunie, D. I. Desanquet.
11.40 D. Lyon, H. A. Mills.
11.50 R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson.
12.00 J. F. McLane, D. J. Fien.
12.10 A. G. I. Bowker, S. L. Lloyd.
12.20 F. Moller, J. A. Ritchie.
12.30 R. J. C. Carr Page.
12.40 Major Giles, Major Pentoff.
12.50 Capt. Campbell, Pay. Cdr Burton.
NEW COURSE:
9.20 Miss Cuthbertson, J. G. Jensen.
9.30 Miss Boyd, Major Alley.
9.40 F. E. McLane, D. J. Fien.
9.50 L. M. S. Lloyd, H. P. Phillips.
10.00 Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dostwell.
10.10 H. P. Armstrong, Col. Matthews.
10.20 General Grassie, Major Meek.

Compulsory Service Tribunal Decisions

Five Cases Heard

Five persons appeared before the Compulsory Service Tribunal this morning, and of these three were posted to the Combatant Group, one to the Essential Services Group and one to the Key-Posts Group.

The Tribunal comprised: His Honour Mr Justice E. H. Williams (Chairman), Lieut-Comdr L. L. Tollemache, Major R. E. Moody, Mr E. Davidson, Mr C. Blaker and Mr C. Bramall Burgess (Clerk to the Tribunal).

Mr L. A. Calcraft (42), of Butterfield and Swire and who held a Commission in the last war, said that he had endeavoured to join the Volunteers but was turned down because of the medical report. He was now trying to join the mine-watching branch of the Naval Volunteers, and was of the opinion that he could get in as the work involved was not so strenuous.

The Chairman remarked that in that case he would post Mr Calcraft to the Combatant Group, though strictly speaking, in view of his age and health, he ought to be in the Essential Services Group. If Mr Calcraft's offer to join the mine-watching branch was turned down, he would be re-posted.

Cannot Find Time

Mr A. J. W. Evans (38), of the British Cigarette Co., was also posted to the Combatant Group. He told the Tribunal that he would like to be classed as a Key-Post man for, though he was quite willing to do his bit it was impossible for him to find the time.

The Chairman: I hardly think you come within the definition of a Key-Post man. Persons who come under that category are those who are required to carry on in an emergency, like those in the electric, gas and traffic companies. I think that in the event of an emergency, your work will be closed down.

Mr Evans: Yes. The only thing I'd like to say is that we are extending and have to work all night in order to relieve shipping from Hong.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, arrived here from Chengtu by plane to-day.

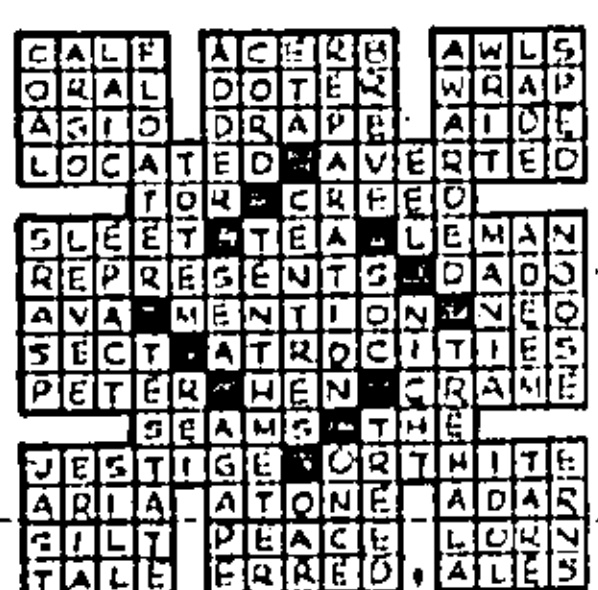
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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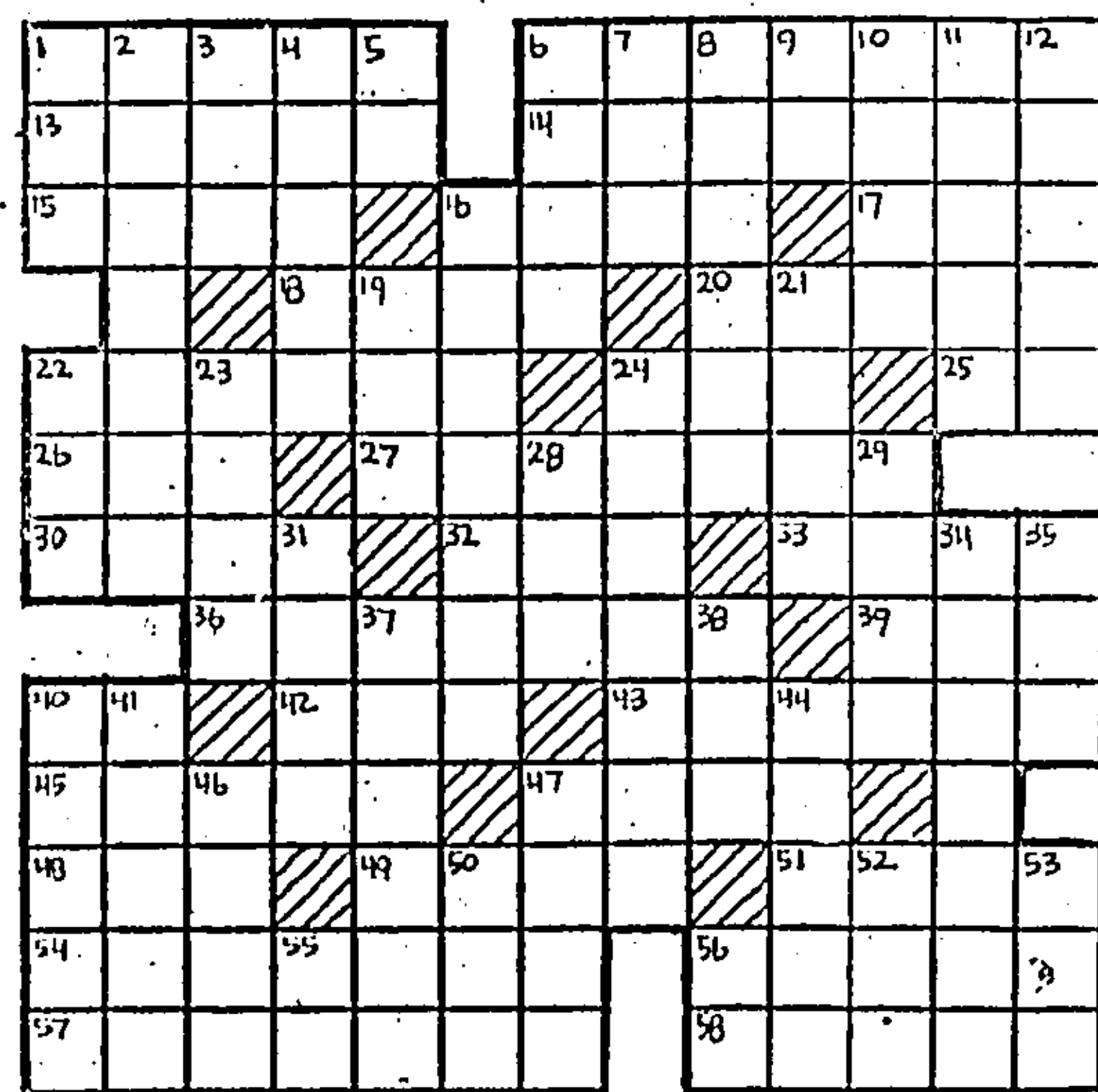
- 1—Road coating
5—Dickens
12—Accepted fact
14—Killer whale
15—Tup
16—Howard of merit
17—Girl's name
18—Exclamation
20—Cut to cubes
22—Measure of volume
24—The German
25—Concerning
26—Quits; adherent of
27—Tina
28—Block of ice
29—Headgear
30—Cakes; fear
31—Constructor
32—Open
33—Littery month
34—Attack from above
35—Initiate signature
36—Dole
37—Light
38—Intellect
39—Medicinal plant
40—Part of compound
41—Exchange

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

- 57—Lives
58—Trembling
1—Make lace
2—Carry out



"Y" Hockey Teams

The European Y.M.C.A. will play two hockey matches against Khalsa on the "Y" ground at King's Park to-morrow.

The juniors will start at 3 p.m. and will be represented by: Clegg, Saxby, Ralston; A. N. Other, Tomlinson, Gorman; Macey, Olson, Dorrner, Sancey and Banks.

The seniors will commence at 4.15 p.m. and will be represented by: Benwell, Taylor, Yourell; Jordan, Coombe, Waldron; Spence, Layb, Morgan, Hitchcock, Ireson and Dunn.

Match Postponed

THE Junior cricket match between the Civil Servants and the Hongkong Cricket Club arranged for to-morrow has been postponed.

Club Cricket XI

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. versus the University at home to-morrow:
H. Owen Hughes, G. W. Pudney, D. S. Robb, N. D. Hooker, L. B. Kilbee, W. J. Finnie, G. J. P. Carey, G. P. Charlton, L. T. Hild, A. E. Ferry and R. H. Grimshaw.

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CHINA'S DANGER

WHILE China would appear at casual survey to be enjoying a period of comparative rest and to be sitting safely in a middle position, a closer scrutiny shows that she is near the edge of a volcano, in withdrawing from which, she must exercise the greatest care, to avoid not only the impending eruption but also the fatal currents which result therefrom.

The Hunan campaign has been reduced to casual warfare, and while Chungking may or may not consider this a time of recuperation after victory it is possible too that the Japanese are also satisfied with maintaining the status quo. By withdrawing garrisons, reducing the force of their aerial bombardments and directing the point of their propaganda mainly against Communists, the Japanese are inducing a false sense of security in Free China while concentrating their battlefronts in the south in accordance with Axis policy.

Free China must not, for her own protection, accept this temporary immunity as a guarantee for the future. By her present inactivity a mute acceptance is made which enables the invader to divide his forces with the confidence that no enterprising enemy will seize on his weakness and exploit it. Under Nazi guidance the Japanese are temporising with Chungking through German agents who know all the wiles of long term totalitarian diplomacy. In effect Tokyo is asking Chiang Kai-shek to sit out for a while and attend to Communists while Japan lends a hand in another quarter before coming back to renew the fray armed this time with Axis aid in place of promises.

The proof is so simple that it startles. China has always been willing to make a peace which would preserve her sovereignty, retain her territory and expel Japanese soldiers from her shores. Japan wants to exploit China as her first market. She has lamentably failed to do this through four years of fighting. At peace with China the growth of trade between the two countries would be enormous, fostered as it would be by the elimination of other markets through the European war. Furthermore, a vast army would be freed for Japan's other designs.

The reason why Tokyo does not see things as simply as this is be-

RESCUE AT SEA:

Ex-American Destroyer
Saves 60 British Seamen



AMAZING pictures—two of a series published in "Illustrated"—of the rescue of 60 British seamen of a torpedoed freighter. The survivors were picked up in mid-Atlantic by one of our newly-acquired American destroyers after they had been afloat for more than 13 hours. Above, the men come aboard the destroyer and (right) well wrapped up in the ship's blankets.

THE REAL MENACE AT SEA

It's the Submarine, not
the Bomber, says
Capt. Bernard Acworth, R.N.

In a recent broadcast, Lord Chatfield referred to "the pundits" who, before the war, forecast the crippling effect that bombing aircraft would have upon sea-power, and he emphasised that these forecasts had been wrong.

Many striking examples of the smallness of the damage that aircraft have been able to inflict upon warships, under the most favourable circumstances, are available to support Lord Chatfield's view.

There is the classic example of Dunkirk, where the Germans received their first big shock of surprise at the inability of their mighty Luftwaffe to bring disaster to a mass of stationary ships engaged in embarking a great army in circumstances of exceptional difficulty.

Losses there were, but they were a small fraction only of what had been expected.

Bombers Defied

A striking demonstration of the comparative harmlessness of bomber attack in force against a fleet under free manoeuvre at sea was provided when the British Fleet pursued an Italian squadron to within sight of the Calabrian coast on July 8.

It was assailed by a squadron of bombers from the Italian Air Force. Every ship had hundreds

of bombs aimed at it, but all escaped unscathed. The Ark Royal has been repeatedly attacked since the outbreak of war, with no results. And only recently the Empress of Japan was bombed—and reached harbour.

It is, of course, true that many warships have been hit by bombs. The Empress of Britain was—although she, remember, was finished off by a submarine.

It is true, also, that bomb casualties among small unprotected ships have been considerable.

But, from the accounts that have been issued it is quite plain that of all the means of inflicting loss and damage on our warships—and particularly on the heavier ones—the bomb has been incomparably the least effective.

The same, it is believed, is true of our merchant ship losses, though the proportion of losses attributable to the gun, torpedo, mine and bomb has not officially been disclosed.

Nevertheless, the adverse effect of the threat of enemy bombers on the exercise of our sea-power has, in fact, been very much greater than actual experience has justified.

Norway & After

It was anticipation of unbearable losses and casualties from bombers which deterred the surface ships of the Navy from tackling the huge German troop movements in the Skagerrak to Oslo—and these reinforcements, given by Mr Churchill as 120,000 men, led to the Norwegian failure.

It will be remembered that Mussolini gloated over this victory of air power over sea power—for a moral victory it certainly was.

It cannot be doubted that the news greatly influenced his determination to challenge our sea power in the Eastern Mediterranean, where circumstances then were, and to some extent still are, very similar to conditions prevailing in the Skagerrak.

What he overlooked was that the issue between air power and sea power in Norway was not put to the test, as it since has been.

But undue timidity in bringing warships deliberately into conflict with bombers has found its natural counterpart in reliance upon aircraft to do the work of warships.

The Scharnhorst, it will be remembered, when limping slowly south from Trondheim, damaged and heavily escorted, was attacked, not

by British warships, but by aircraft than an academic, or historical, interest.

Saving The Ships

Again, during the attack by heavy British warships on the French Fleet, in Oran, the French battle-cruiser Strasbourg, and other units of the French fleet, steamed out of the harbour and made for Toulon.

Their destruction, also, was entrusted to aircraft, of the Fleet Air Arm instead of to the powerful British surface ships which were present.

The French squadron reached Toulon.

Other examples could be given of the exaggerated belief in the potency of the bomber against heavy ships, whether used against us or by us.

They all go to show that, in the early part of the war at all events, air power was credited by those then directing policy with a potency that it did not possess—and with most unfortunate consequences.

In marked contrast to this undue apprehension of the threat from bombing aircraft was the confidence with which battleships and cruisers were subjected, again with unhappy results, to the fire of heavy shore batteries at Dakar.

This notwithstanding the accumulated experience of the weakness of ships versus shore guns.

However much, therefore, those responsible for naval operations at the Admiralty may protest that sea-power has not the measure of the bomber, their actions in the past, as revealed in the few examples given, do not square with their protestations.

Facts To Face

If this question of the bomber versus the ship were a matter of past history, it would be misleading to draw attention to it now. It would be a matter for historians to consider when the war was over.

But operations in the war are not static, and now taking place, which give this question much more

If the bomber, for example, is still regarded as a threat comparable to the gun, torpedo or mine against merchant ships, we should expect to find convoys kept completely out of range, wherever possible, of enemy air-power.

But, by so doing, the area would be narrowed in which they could approach our shores, and their danger from submarines would be correspondingly increased.

In recent weeks our merchant ship losses from submarines have been very severe.

In the Mediterranean, on the other hand, if movements of our warships were restricted by the fear of Italian bombers until we had got what is regarded as an ample margin of fighting aircraft to safeguard the fleet, we might well find decisive action delayed—with most unfortunate results.

More Ships

In view of the conflict in the earlier part of the war between practice and precept in this question of bomber-v.-ship, the recent inspiring speeches by Lord Chatfield and Mr Alexander and the exploits of the Mediterranean fleet are doubly welcome.

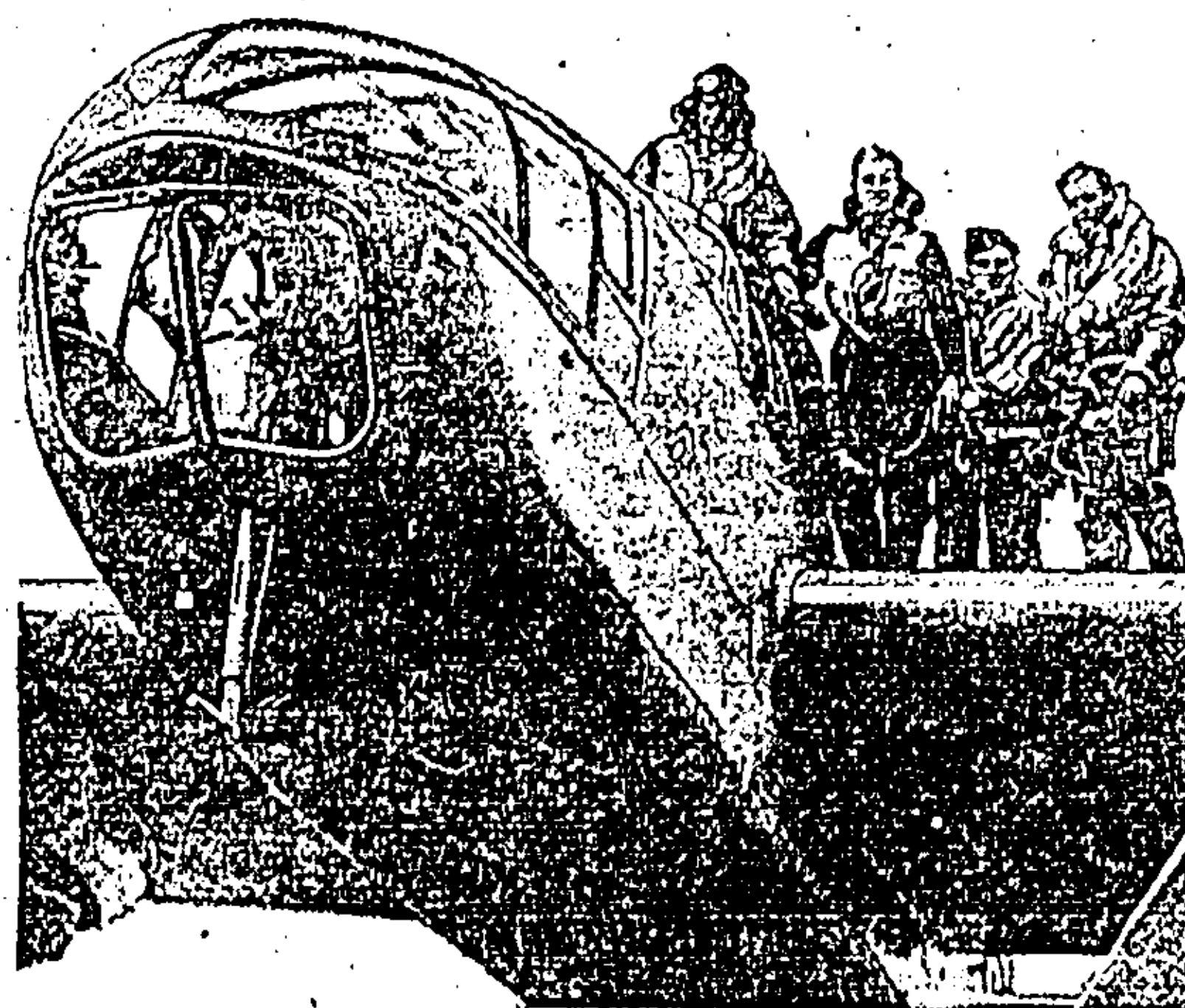
They tend to show that in the future the threat of the bomber will be treated on its merits, as revealed by experience, and not on its fear-value.

Let us make no mistake about it. Our merchant ship losses are, at the present moment, our greatest source of danger.

If our own sea communications are secure, we are invincible.

Conversely, a loss of control over our sea communications, caused by paying undue respect to the bomber danger, would spell disaster.

The output of small warships and merchant ships should have precedence over all other war material, and the correct handling of our convoys is a question which can brook few errors of judgment.



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Story Of The Fall Of Mogadiscio

NAIROBI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An official communique issued here to-day says: "During the night of February 25-26, our East and West African troops entered Mogadiscio without opposition. Owing to the darkness, the defeat of the enemy on the line of the Juba, the speed of our advance and the hurried evacuation, the town has suffered little damage."

"It has been impossible up to now to assess the number of prisoners and material captured, and many Europeans and Askaris are still surrendering."

"This achievement was made possible by the co-operation of all three services and the vigorous action of all the forces employed."

A Great March

"Its greatness will be appreciated when it is realised that during the period February 12 to 26, starting from the advance bases already at the end of the lines of communication 220 miles long, the fighting formations have advanced in the face of opposition over a single track road a distance of 570 miles."

Bridge Bombed

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Stores and troop concentrations and supply dumps were attacked by the R.A.F. in the Keren area with good effect. At Asgab, bombs were dropped on a large transport yard while near Massawa, ammunition stores and other military objectives were raided. A railway bridge at Awash, near Addis Ababa, was attacked and a direct hit damaged the bridge and track.

Two Jobs for M.P.s Bill Adopted by Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Some controversy was aroused in the House of Commons to-day when the House debated the "Two Jobs for Members" Bill, officially styled as the Commons Disqualification Temporary Provisions Bill.

The Bill was originally introduced to legalise Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's appointment as High Commissioner for Canada while Mr. MacDonald retains his seat as a member of Parliament.

The Government insisted on treating a division as a vote of confidence, but eventually the House gave the Bill a unanimous reading.

The Bill only lasts for one year and in the interim the Select Committee will seek to clarify the whole position of members of Parliament who accept offices of profit.

K.R.A. Meeting

Kowloon residents are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held this evening at 6 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

LONDON, Feb. 27 (British Wire).—The Chairman of the Trade Union Congress General Council, Mr. George Gibson, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day.

Collecting Boxes For Bomber Fund



This photograph shows one of the 25 collecting boxes, designed like a bomb, which are to be used for collecting money for the "South China Morning Post" and "Hongkong Telegraph" Bomber Fund. The boxes were designed by Mr. S. E. Fisher, A.R.C., and manufactured and presented to the Hongkong War Effort Committee by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. The boxes are made of brass. The main body is chromium plated, while the fins are plated copper. The base has an oxidised statuary bronze finish. A chromium plate is attached to the base bearing the inscription "Bomber Fund—Hongkong War Effort Committee."

Confer With Welles

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The United States Under-Secretary of State (Mr. Sumner Welles) was to see both the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, this afternoon.

Black-Out Comments: Hospital Test Made

"There is nothing more that I can add about the blackout exercises that has not already been published except that I shall hold another exercise in the very near future, when weather conditions permit," stated Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, this morning.

He said that fog prevented observation from the air and there was no further point in continuing with the tests.

The Queen Mary Hospital last night was equipped entirely with lights. At a certain period, the hospital authorities were authorised to change half the lights to white lights, sufficient to enable the doctors to carry out operations, duties etc. From a distance of about 200 yards the test was judged moderately successful.

Observation on the experimental star-lighting in Lockhart Road was impossible from the air and was discontinued last night. Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins hopes to carry out experiments in this type of lighting somewhere in the New Territories, probably early next week. The exact site has not yet been selected.

Indoor Shelters

Questioned as to whether Hongkong would be using the special indoor air-raid shelters which had recently been approved by the Home Government and which can be used as a table as well as a shelter, Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins said that he had already tabled the Home Government for full details.

This type of shelter would not be suitable for Hongkong as an indoor shelter in a Chinese tenement dwelling would hardly accommodate the 20 to 30 inhabitants. It might, however, come in very useful for the rural districts and has already proved its worth in outlying districts in England.

The A.R.P. Director said that the purpose of the air-raid signals was to warn the general public that danger from an air attack was imminent and the population should therefore make for the shelters and all vehicles and shipping should come to a stop. Although the blackout exercise commenced at sunset and terminated at dawn, it was very difficult to impress this point home

Rumours Of Japanese Plans

Base Near Hongkong

KWEILIN, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Intensifying preparations for its push southward the Japanese War Office has created a special staff headquarters to take charge of operations in the south-eastern Pacific, according to intelligence reports reaching here.

Major-General Hasbina, it is stated, has been appointed Chief of Staff, and his headquarters will be composed of members to be drawn from the staffs of the Formosan Army and the Japanese forces in South China.

Meanwhile, another dispatch received here states that Japanese troops, under the supervision of the engineering corps, have been constructing a huge airfield at Taipei, on the coast of Hainan Bay to the east of Hongkong, which will soon be completed.

It is reported that the Japanese are preparing to use Hainan Bay as a servicing station to provision Japanese naval vessels in the event of actual hostilities in the southeastern Pacific.

U. S. Envoy In Incident

Wilhelmstrasse Plaint

BERLIN, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The official organ of the German Foreign Office to-day sharply attacks the American Minister at Sofia, Mr. George Earle, for his alleged pro-British attitude, and complains of the similar attitude of other United States diplomats.

Mr. Earle was the victim of an assault by Nazis in a restaurant in Sofia when he requested the orchestra to play the song "Tipperary" which aroused the rage of the Germans present. A German officer threw a champagne bottle at Mr. Earle who retaliated by knocking him down.

China Front In South Pacific

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Defence of the Southern Pacific with Great Britain, United States and the Dutch East Indies was emphasised in a special article in to-day's Chinese official newspaper, "Central Daily News."

The paper declares: "There are 10,000,000 Chinese residing in the south-east whose lives and property are directly threatened by Japan's southward expansion. Therefore, China must have discussions with the Powers convened with a view to a joint defence in the Southern Pacific."



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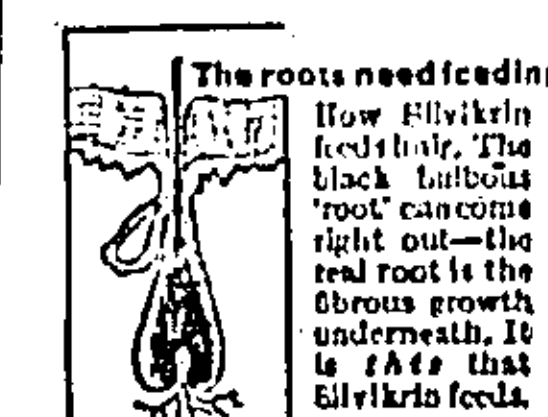


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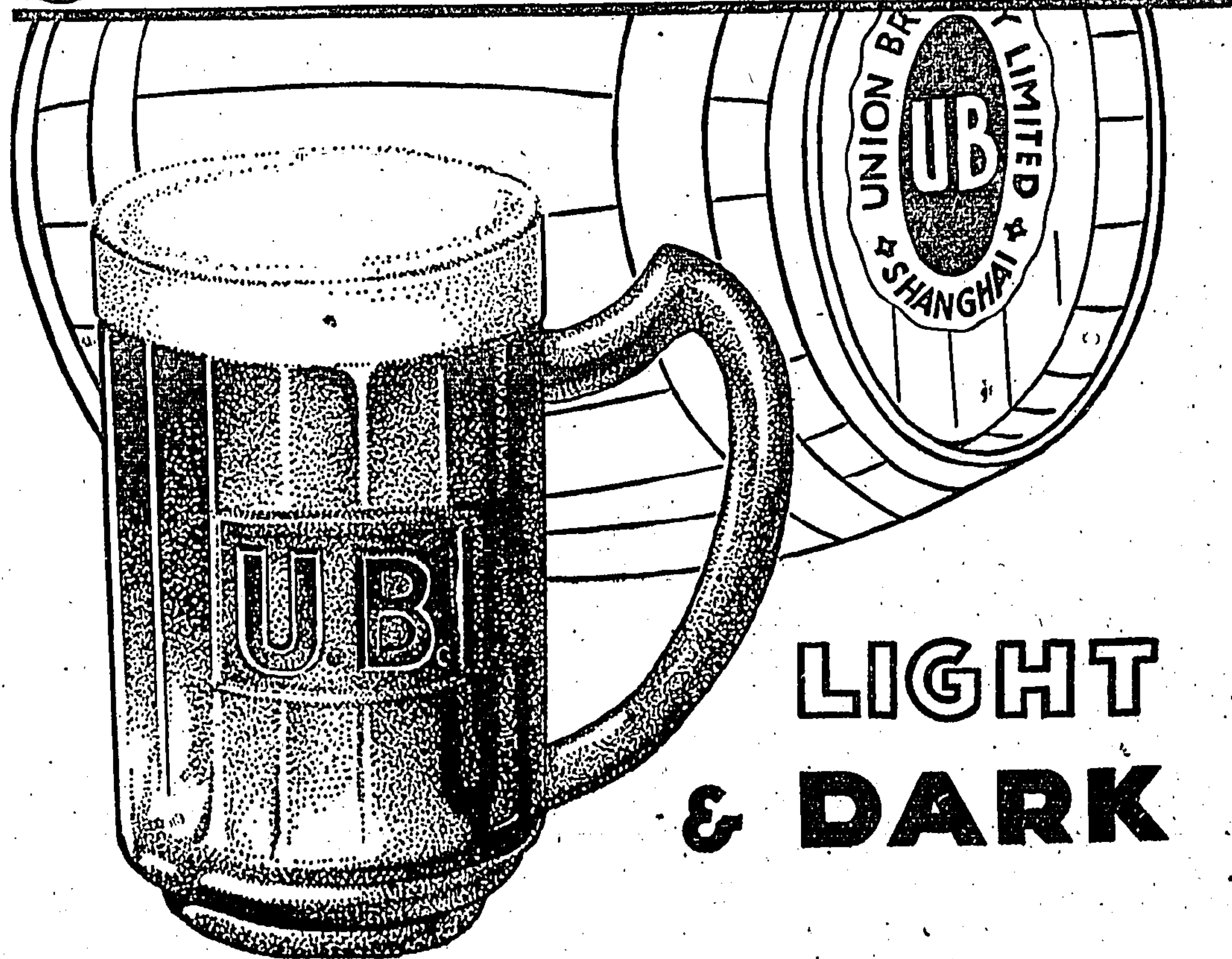
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The opening event at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon is the Caulfield Stakes, for Australian griffins of this meeting, which should be good consolation to those ponies which have failed to cross the wire first, for the winner is to receive \$1,750.

On the book, Oracle should atone for her failure in the Austral Racing Stakes when Mr Li's candidate fell before Colooma by a short head over a distance of 1 1/4 miles. To-morrow the run is two furlongs less and Oracle is almost a dead certainty. Mountain View and Nomine Poenae are recommended for the lower positions.

There were originally 109 nominations of Australian subscription ponies of this season for the Flemington Plate, but the entries have been divided into two sections.

In the first section which is a run over the mile. A Surprising Time; Black Seal, Corsair, Fresh Air, Jus Gentium, Royal Sovereign and Sydney Lady are the remaining good non-winners, but a red pencil can be drawn right across Black Seal's name for the progeny of Billy Moore is on the walking list.

A Surprising Time finished third behind Endeavour and Mainsail in the first section of Blue Mountains Plate, but the last named has been drawn into the second section and the first racer with Mr Black up should have an easy passage. Royal Sovereign and Sydney Lady should fill the minor placings. Optima Fide may upset the applicant.

Bradbury's Bad Luck

I'd like to see Charlesber winning the Nil Desperandum Stakes confined to China pony griffins of this meeting over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in. Mr Bradbury with a long string of expensive animals deserves better luck, for there is no denying that the wheel of fortune has not lately been turning for him.

Charlesber, Palber and Royber were all entered for last year's

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Interport Hockey XI

The following have been selected to represent Hongkong against Macao in the annual Interport Hockey series, which will take place in Macao this season on Saturday, March 9 at 3 p.m.:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (Club) and J. B. Consalves (Recreio); R. Marques (Recreio); W. A. Reed (Club) and N. B. Whitley (Club); Karminder Singh (Khalsa); Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa); B. T. Gosano (Recreio); H. L. Osozio (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).

Reserves.—A.E.P. Guest (Khalsa) (full-back); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) forward; D. T. Smith (C.B.A.) (forward) and A. M. Alves (Recreio) (half-back).

Hongkong Derby, but none of them could face the start on account of being "dotty." However, Palber has picked up a small race, the Grand Stand Stakes, for the owner and it is hoped that Charlesber will follow the trail. Strong opposition is sure to come from Sena's Lillier, and Wonderful Scheme, but I firmly believe that Mr Bradbury's aspirant is a better animal.

There is, however, an "if" in my selection. It is rumoured that Lovelylight may or may not accept, but should the mare weigh out, preference should be given to Mr Moller's racer. After running third in the Hongkong Derby on a slippery going, Lovelylight has been under the care of a vet and that is the reason she has not been seen in public.

Spring Handicap

After readjustment of weights, the Happy Valley Spring Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile should provide another tight finish. Incidentally the first leg of the daily double is on this event and we are sure to have a big field.

During the first four days of racing the Gymkhana Handicap was the only race in which the judges could not separate Conquering Time and Eve of Reason for the premier place with Hughbird third losing by a short head. There were close behind a few more ponies. Hillsboro Bay and Lillier were positive among the batch, but there were two more runners which I could not recognise due to the fact that their racing colours were plastered with mud.

However, with a ban placed on Conquering Time and Eve of Reason, I am confident that Mr Bradbury's two runners will be in the limelight, preference be given to Lillier, and Hillsboro Bay should also be considered a hot stuff. Kentucky has no objection to a sloppy track and apart from being in fine condition, the mare is worth following up.

Yarra Stakes

The Yarra Stakes is a nice scramble for Austral griffins from the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards) and after erasing all the winners in the list of entries, we have a good bunch of middle class speedy merchants. My best three are Incessant, Misty View and Vis Major and they should reach the touch line in the order I have named.

I have no confidence in Nomine Poenae because the pony's colour is not to my liking and Canberra does not like the gate business. King's Welcome has a nice record, finishing fourth in all her four outings, and I wonder whether the mare will break or follow the sequence. After running fourth in the Austral Trial Plate The Nineteenth Hole has not appeared in public, but should the mare turn out to-morrow she is worth \$5 each way.

Taiping Handicap

In the Taiping Handicap for "C" class China ponies over the mile, I

LAST DAY EVENTS

Children No Longer Allowed To Attend

The Fifth Day of the Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow at Happy Valley, the first saddling bell being rung at 1.30 p.m. instead of the usual 11 o'clock.

There are nine interesting events on the card, but a feature of to-morrow's programme is that a ban has been placed on all winners, excepting the Professional Cup, which is a champion contest confined to Australian subscription griffins of this season.

With all winners locked in their stalls, we can certainly look forward with certainty to a good day's sport and but it only remains for the Weather Clerk to provide a sunny afternoon.

Titles Retained

The two champion events run on last Tuesday were not without excitement. Confusion Bay and Sapper have again retained their title as the champion China and Australian ponies respectively for another ten months, but when Autumn comes, these two holders may find much stronger opposition in the open class.

For over half a century the last day of the Annual Carnival has always been known as a big day for kiddies, but parents are reminded that no children will be admitted to the club's premises to-morrow.

During the last few years the presence of these little fellows has been a great nuisance to the racing public owing to the negligence of parents in allowing their children to run "in and out of the prohibited area." As a result the Stewards have no other alternative but to refuse the admission of innocent tiny-tots.

Cricket

D.B.S. Trounce Ellis Kadoorie

Yesterday was a day for bowlers in a junior cricket match between the Diocesan Boys' School and the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School, the former winning by 81 runs.

The D.B.S., at home, totalled 113, of which N. Masters contributed a good 40, while K. Prokopoff not only scored 22 but took 3 for 2. D. Gaggino took 2 for 0, J. Ramsey 2 for 2 and B. Whitfield 2 for 3.

Scores were: D.B.S.—113 (N. Masters 40, K. Prokopoff 22, J. Ramsey 14, A. G. Hyder 5 for 42).

E. K. S.—37 (Extras 15, Gaggino 2 for 0, Prokopoff 3 for 2, Ramsey 2 for 2, Whitfield 2 for 3, Spary 1 for 7).

University Team

The following will represent University in a friendly match against Club to-morrow at Chater Road: N. C. Sen Gupta, L. T. Rido, K. Y. Tam, J. Twil, G. Hong Choy, J. Fenton, K. S. O. N. Singh, T. C. Lo, S. Amptavann, S. Mahmood. Reserve: D. Chelliah.

fancy Potentate to win with Galveston Bay and Emergency Unit in the rear.

By virtue of their successes, Amulet Star, Dutch Treat, Endeavour, Happy Returns, Moonlight, National Welfare, Santa Anita and United Express are ineligible for the Flemington Plate (second section) and it is a mile run.

I have reason to say that Mainsail owned by Mr N. V. A. Croucher, the Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, will have plain sailing in this event. The only two obstacles are Bugle and Vitamin M, but surely the Commodore's skipper knows how to keep a wild berth.



Mr Eric Moller leads in Racylight (F. Noodt in the saddle) after winning the Victoria Stakes on Monday last.—Ming Yuen.

Charity Basketball

Triple Game Card At Waterloo Rd To-morrow

A TRIPLE featured charity basketball programme has been arranged for this Saturday afternoon at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A.'s open air court on Waterloo Road.

Opening the triple bill at 2.30 p.m., Ping Ching Girls' School of Accountancy, Colony Open Champions, will play against the Sing Tao girl starlets. In their last meeting at a charity match a few weeks ago, Sing Tao coked out a close win after a hectic struggle. The champions will be out to even the count when they meet again to-morrow afternoon.

The second game will find a team of Chinese movie stars and actors pitted against a quintette composed of Chinese newspaper reporters.

Benarba H'cap

The last race of the annual meeting is the Benarba Handicap for "C" and "D" classes Australian ponies and the outing is a long distance run of two miles. Cheerful Star should give a good account of herself with Warrego River and Venus Bay trailing behind.

In the spotlight final match, South China A.A.'s classy gingers take on the Canton Kuo Nih University's varsity hoopers in a game that should prove to be a thriller. Admission to these games will be 20 cents, and the amount derived will be donated to the underprivileged Girl Students Welfare Association. A large crowd is expected to take in this charity basketball programme.

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Handsome Purse For Law Society's Cup

The main event of the afternoon's racing will be the Australian Subscription Ponies Champions associated with the Professional Cup presented by the Law Society, and the jaunt is over a course of one and a quarter miles.

It is a valuable classic event among the sub-griffins of this season, for the winner is to receive a nice silver trophy with \$3,500 added.

We are sure to have a big field, but it seems that nothing can stop the mare, United Express, from winning the title "Miss Australia of the Annual Carnival."

The Professional Cup is one of the old trophies; it was first run for, I understand, long before 1900 and the first winner was then for China pony griffins. But in 1922 it was changed to a champion event for subscription ponies and Mosaic Tile owned by the late Mr C. E. Warren was the first winner. The last China subscription griffin to win the valuable classic was Markman (Mr V. Noodt) in 1930 and there was no Professional Cup in the following year owing to the failure of Russian dealers to supply China ponies.

A First Occasion

To-morrow will therefore be the first occasion for Australian subscription ponies to compete for the above old classic and United Express is my fancy. Endeavour and Jus Gentium will, I am sure, try their best to snatch the baton, but I doubt that they will be able to turn the scales.

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Guerillas Close Inland Shipping From Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—A recrudescence of guerilla activities in several districts on the north bank of the Yangtze River between Shanghai and Nanking recently forced the Japanese to close all inland shipping from Shanghai for eight days, information relayed to Chungking reveals to-day.

The areas in which the Chinese guerillas were most active included Nantung, Haimen, Tsingchiang, Kaoyu and Kiangtu. Shipping was not resumed until February 24, these reports state.

Railways Damaged

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Heavy damage is believed to have been sustained by the Japanese at Sinsiang, junction of the Peiping-Hankow Railway and the Taokou-Chinghua Railway in north Honan, as a result of a Chinese raid on their munitions depot there on the night of February 13.

Two Japanese grounded planes were also destroyed in a simultaneous attack at the Japanese airfield there.

Further damage was done to the Canton-Hankow Railway between Yoyang (Yochow) and Yunkai in north Hunan last week by Chinese saboteurs.

The Japanese troops invading Wukshih and Hsiehshih on the west bank of Yao Lake, south-east of Nanchang in Kiangsi, have suffered considerable casualties, and the Japanese crossing the Fu River flowing south of Nanchang are encircled.

Invader's War Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

UNDISCLOSED BASE, Feb. 27 (Dome).—Japanese naval planes in the upper Yangtze regions on February 25 and 26 raided Kaolin, 75 miles south of Anking in Anhwei province, and severely strafed part of the 14th Chinese Division stationed there, the Press Section of the Japanese Fleet in Central China waters announced to-day.

The raiders also destroyed many military buildings and started fires at several places.

Italo-German Exchanges

All War Needs Pooled

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—

Working of the Axis in the economic field is revealed in a dispatch from Rome quoted by the German news agency, stating that in accordance with the Italo-German Economic Agreement, which regulates, from time to time, clearing payments for the current year, Italian and German commercial exchanges are expected to reach a total of about one milliard Reichmarks in both directions.

The guiding principle in the negotiations has been to satisfy all requirements essential to war economic demands, in which the combined demands of the Axis are regarded as one unit.

Coal Requirements

The whole of Italy's coal requirements, amounting to about 12,000,000 tons last year, will be completely covered by Germany.

Germany's deliveries of iron and steel to Italy will be more than doubled.

Italy will increase her shipments of agricultural raw production as well as sulphur and mercury to Germany.

A special agreement also provides for sending to Germany a further 205,000 Italian workmen, mainly metal workers, making the total Italian workmen in Germany in the current year 315,000.

Aid Britain Hurry

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).

In order that we shall not be guilty of a minute's more delay than necessary when Congress passes the Lend Lease Bill, President Roosevelt will continue his series of conferences with the Chief of the War, Navy, State and Treasury Departments.

The President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, made this statement to-day and added that much more work remained to be done in getting the administration to handle the aid to Britain programme.

Free French Training

College In Africa

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A

military college which is destined to become the Saint Cyr of Free France in Africa has been opened at Bruzville by General de Larmenat, High Commissioner for Free French Africa, according to Free French circles.

The college at present houses 125 cadets, most of whom escaped from France to join General de Gaulle. The college is called Camp Colonna Dornano.

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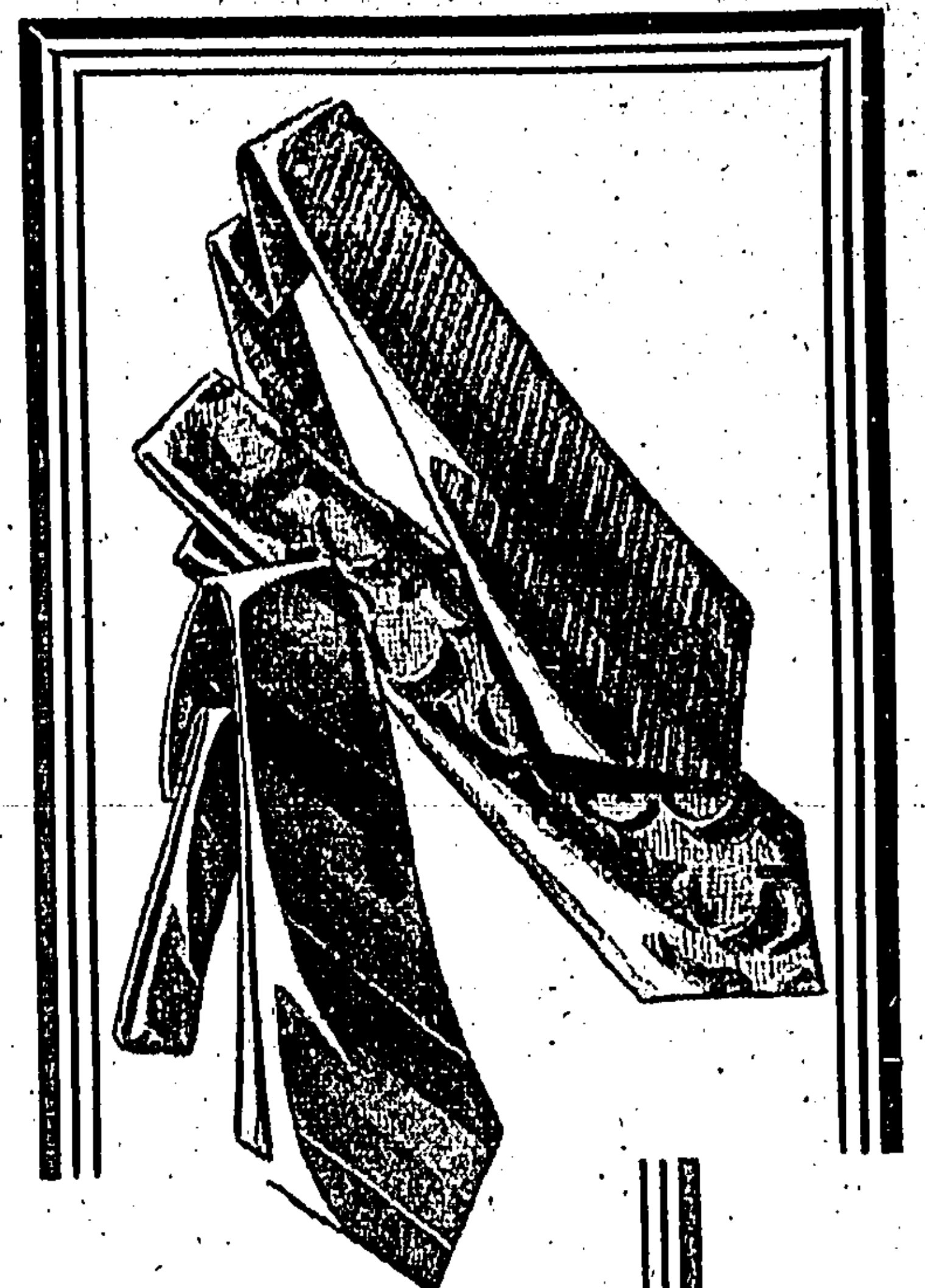
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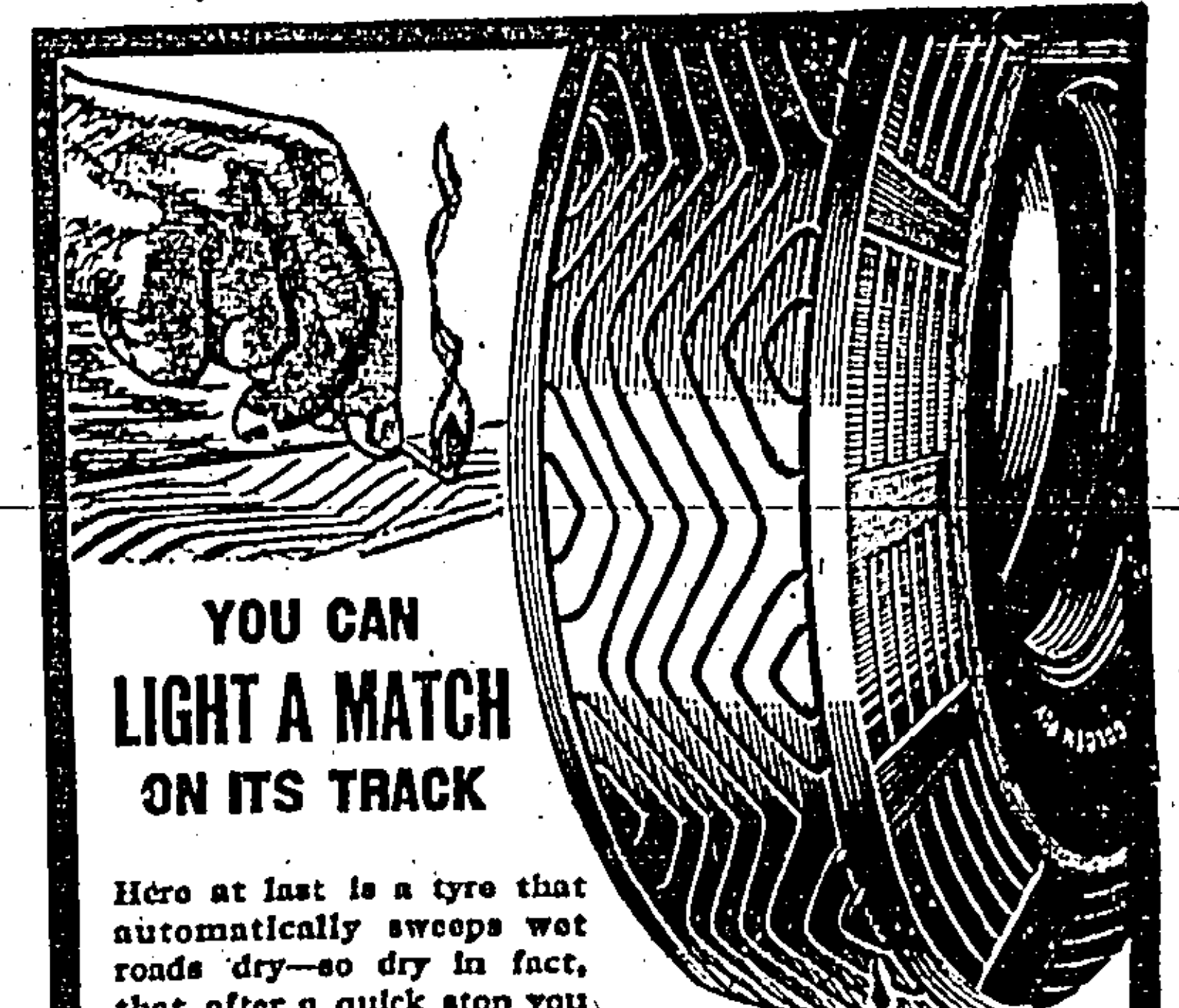
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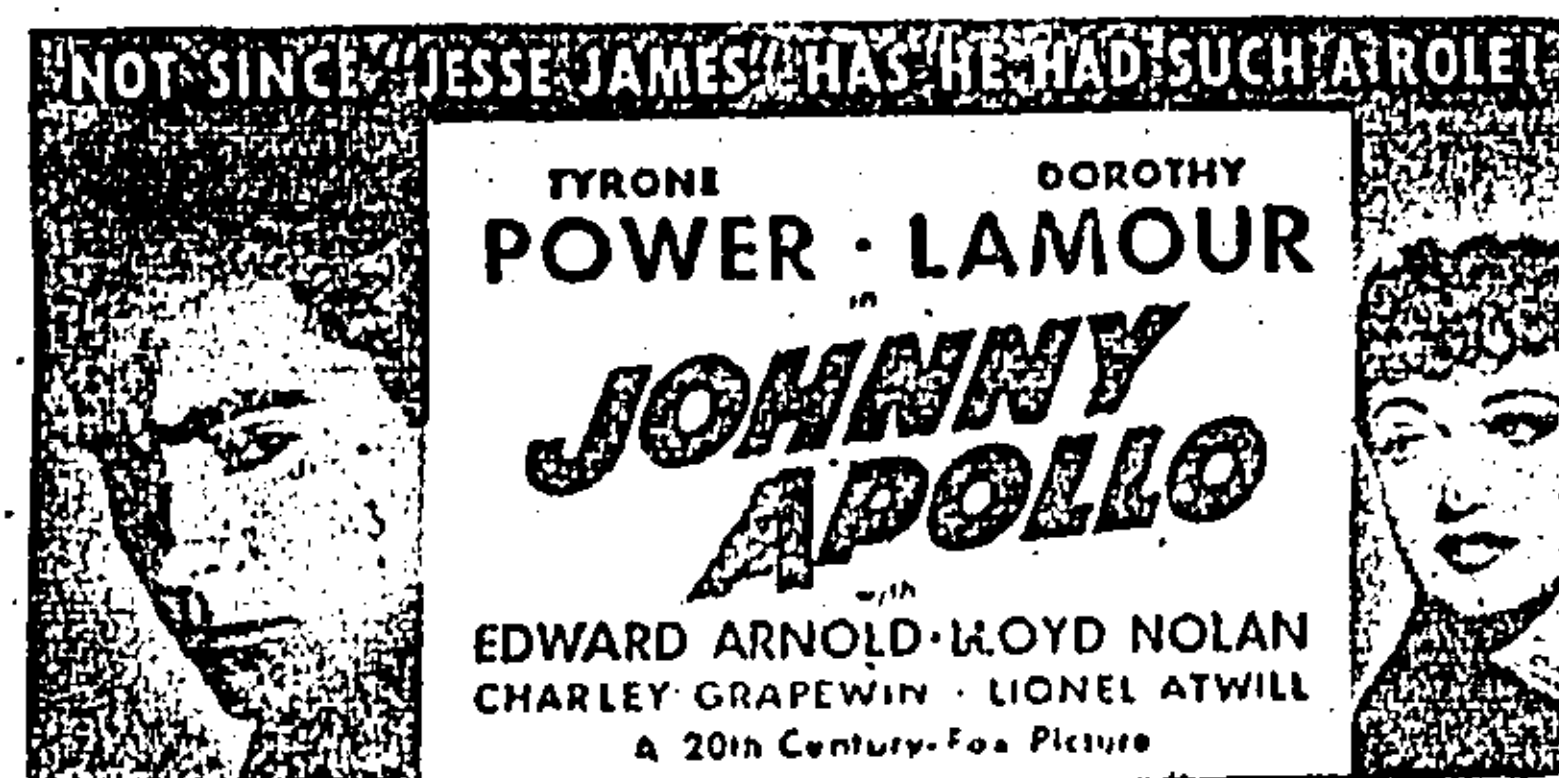
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No More Concessions In Thai Dispute

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bodied men who are not connected with the Army to join a special defence corps as soon as possible, owing to the present uncertain situation. Informed quarters report that Indo-China's attitude towards the negotiations is stiffening, therefore the Government is taking definite precautions should the negotiations fail. They asserted that growing bitterness is directed against Japan rather than Thailand in view of the fact that Japan is revealing her stand in the negotiations. They interpreted the Japanese evacuation as preparation for Japanese pressure for the acceptance of the Thai demands which Thailand would never make, unless backed by a third Power.

Get Ready To Leave

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (Dome).—The Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Minoda, received representatives of Japanese residents at the Consulate this morning when it was understood that he advised them to prepare for evacuation as a precaution against possible complication in the Tokyo mediation conference.

There are at present about 120 Japanese residents in Saigon.

French Troops Ready

VICIEY, Feb. 27 (Dome).—Authoritative circles disclosed that the French are massing troops along the Thai-Indo-China frontier ready to resume hostilities if the armistice talks fail.

Warning Chorus

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An official issue of "withdrawal notices" to all Japanese residents in French Indo-China follows the warning chorus in to-day's press, threatening drastic consequences should either Thailand or French Indo-China reject the Japanese proposals to settle the frontier dispute between the two countries.

It is believed that the Thai delegates are ready to accept the territorial cession proposed by the Japanese, but that the French have opposed any revision of the border from the outset.

Government officials declared here to-day that they were not nervous about the outcome and said that the orders to Japanese to withdraw from Indo-China was a perfectly proper measure in case of failure of the mediation effort.

Enemy In Conference

The French Ambassador to Japan is at present conferring with Mr. Matsuoka and is presumed to be transmitting Vichy's reply to what is described in Japanese official quarters as Japan's "final proposals" for settlement of the border dispute with Thailand.

Semi-official Japanese reports reveal uncertainty as "whether a satisfactory agreement can be reached."

Landing At Castel Rosso Described

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, Feb. 27 (UP).—It is reported that the British landing at Castel Rosso was followed by a four hour bombardment by British destroyers, in the midst of which Axis planes attacked the destroyers, which withdrew, but reappeared later supported by British planes which protected the disembarkation.

Greek Joy

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The occupation of the island of Castel Rosso in the Eastern Mediterranean by British forces is hailed with enthusiasm by the Greeks, according to the Athens radio.

The newspaper, "Estia," refers to Castel Rosso as the first Dodecanese island to see the sunlight of freedom and adds: "In order to realise what Fascist tyranny has meant for Castel Rosso, remember that of the 12,000 inhabitants of unmixed Greek blood, barely 1,800 now remain on the island. The rest have been driven into exile. Whole communities of fugitives from Castel Rosso now exist in Greece, America, Australia and France."

Plane Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A two-engined German bomber flew over the south coast of the island of Smakkenon to-day, according to an official statement issued here to-day. The bomber was driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

Demoralised Italians Retreat & Surrender

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Italian fighters, made mass attacks on Maltese ports. Ten enemy planes were set on fire on the ground, many others were seriously damaged, and hangars and installations were hit.

"In air fights, four Hurricanes were brought down, two by German and two by Italian fighters."

Off Tobruk

On February 25, the communiqué states, German planes hit an enemy destroyer off Tobruk with large calibre bombs, and also concentrations of enemy motorised vehicles and artillery emplacements near the town.

German torpedo-carrying planes sank a 5,000-ton merchant ship, in the Western Mediterranean.

British Comment

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is pointed out in official circles here that the Italians have not yet been told of their heavy defeat in the fall of Mogadiscio.

Official comment on the description in the Italian communiqué of the Malta attack points out that it makes no reference to the facts given in the Malta communiqué that the attackers lost two planes to British fighters and five to anti-aircraft fire while six were so badly damaged that they probably did not reach their bases.

Abandoned Towns

KHARTOUM, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Khartoum, which is about thirty miles north of Keren, still besieged by the

Big Need For Faster Merchant Liners

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dangerous services that slow ships could perform; thus reduce the time each ship spent in passing through the danger area; and cut to a minimum the unavoidable delays under wartime conditions.

Every day counted for victory and precious days should not be lost in handling cargo or in repairs or in awaiting a convoy.

There should be equal priority with the Army and Air Force in supplying guns and machine-guns to merchant ships to enable them to defend themselves against air attacks.

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To enable shipowners to plan ahead and remove the existing uncertainty in this regard, Government should frankly state whether nationalisation was their intention.

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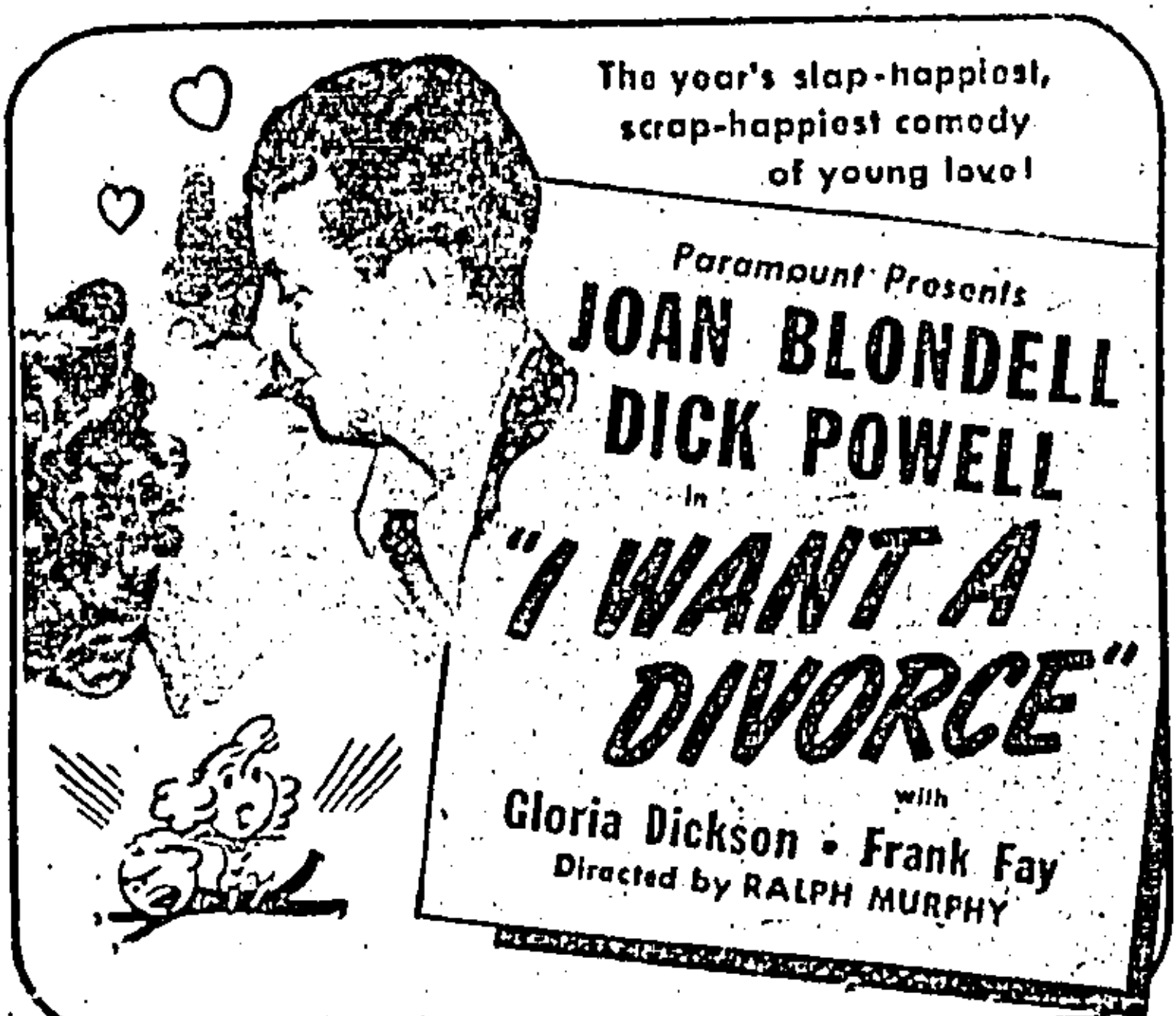
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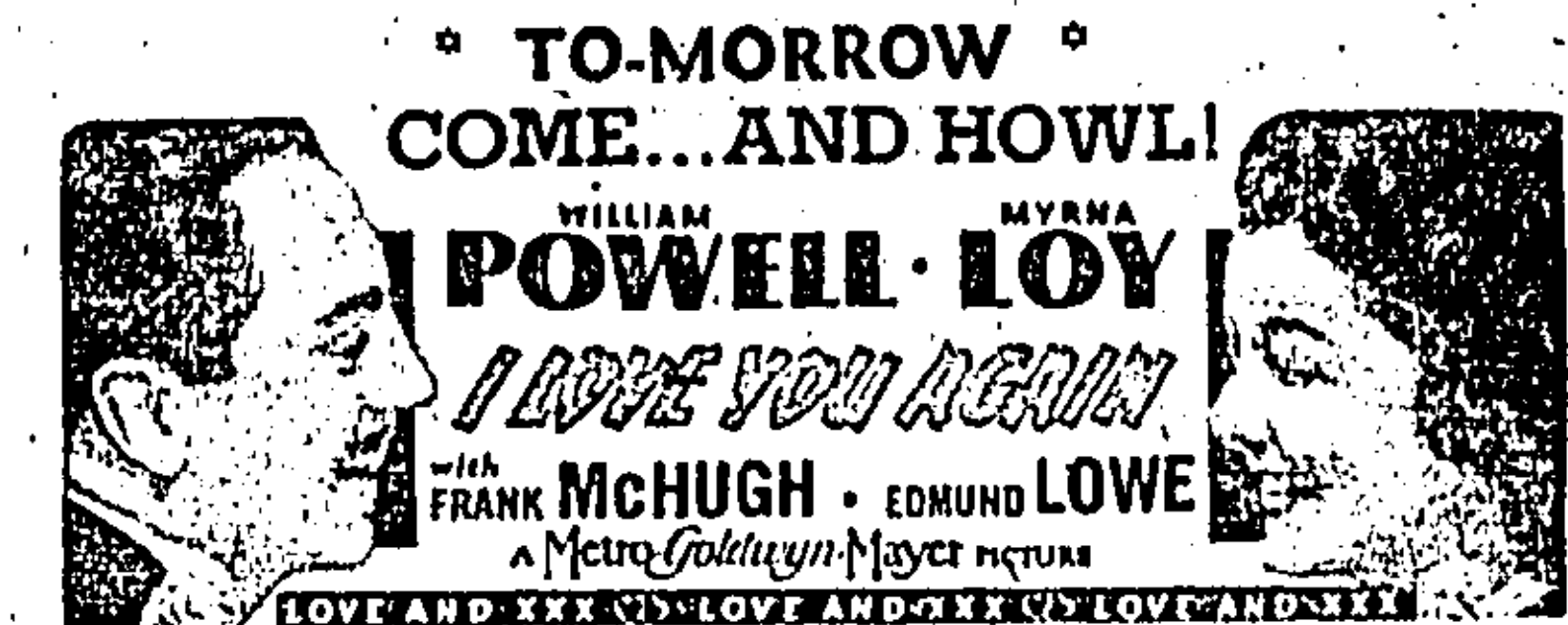
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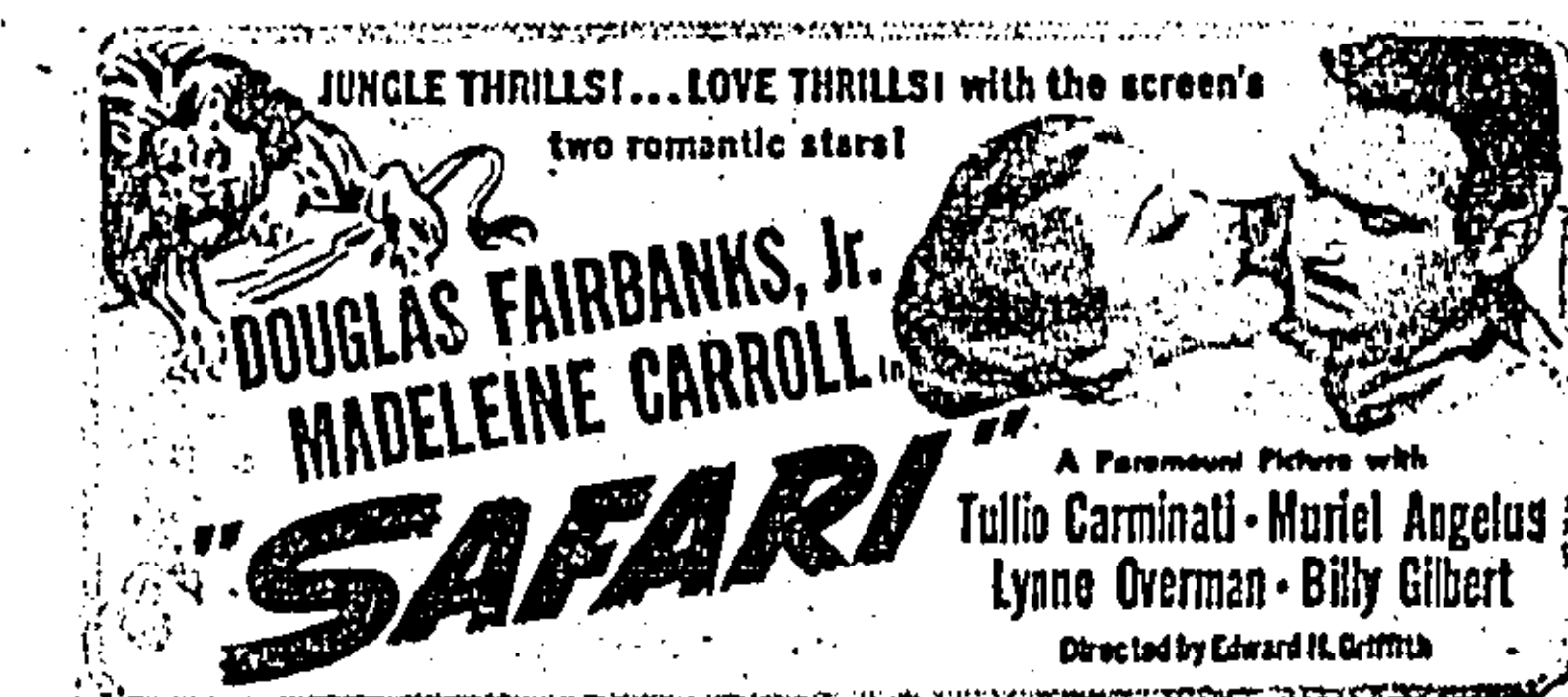
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LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY

Professor P. B. Wilkinson will give a lecture on "Coronary Syndromes" on Friday, March 7, at 8.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room, Hongkong University. All interested are welcome.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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Letter From Prisoners In Italy

LONDON, Feb. 27 (British Wireless).—Flight-Lieut. J. F. Leeming, one of the founders of the Lancashire "Aero Club," who with Air Vice-Marshal O. T. Boyd was taken prisoner when the aircraft in which they were flying to Egypt was forced to land in Italy, has written a typically cheerful letter to an R.A.F. friend at home.

The letter is reproduced by the Air Ministry news service. "We are of course very depressed at what has happened," Leeming writes. "However, it might have turned out much worse. We are lucky to be alive and to be so well treated. People here have been very kind and we are comfortable."

Homemade Amusements
We play cards and draughts—we have made ourselves a draught board, and we are teaching ourselves Italian, and we walk. It is 95 paces around the garden and it takes 50 seconds to walk them. Yesterday we calculated that we walked six miles." Leeming is personal assistant to the Air Vice-Marshal who was on his way out to Egypt to take up duties as Deputy Air Officer, Commanding R.A.F. in the Middle East when he was taken prisoner. He is the author of a well-known book for children "Clodius the Bee."

U.S. Air Corps For Alaska

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Three additional U.S. Air Corps have just gone to Alaska and three more are scheduled to go there within two months, said Mr. Stimson, Secretary of War, to-day.

He added that the army's experiments with parachute troops had been so successful that the strength of this wing was to be increased four times.

Emergency Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—An emergency bill to provide \$1,533 million for army and navy construction and development programmes was to-day passed by the House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate.

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1.10 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.15 Grieg—Sonata in C Major, Op. 45 by Sergei Rachimanihoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and The Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.

7.30 Norman Allin (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards—"The Milkmaid"—Selection (Sullivan). The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; When Song is Sweet (Sainsbury); Think on Me (Lady John Scott—arr. Moffat).

8.00 Norman Allin (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; Musical Moments (arr. Aubrey Winter). Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Edward (Corder and Loewe). Norman Allin (Bass-Baritone) with Piano; "Geisha"—Selection (Jones). Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

8.30 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.35 Humorous Variety.

8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland".

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Request Classical Programme.—Orpheus in the Underworld—Overture (Offenbach). Lucerne Kursoral Orchestra; Fine Day (from "Madama Butterfly"—Puccini) with Rosetta Pampaloni (Soprano) with Orchestra; Morrie England—Dances (German). Orchestra Raymond; Rondino On A Theme by Beethoven (Kreisler). Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc.; On the Mollie ("I Pagliacci"—Leoncavallo) with Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orchestra; Rustle of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 (Sinding); Scherzo Impromptu, Op. 73, No. 2 (Grieg) Eileen Joyce (Piano).

10.00 London Relay—"By the Way" Talk by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Request Classical Programme continued.—Procellium (Jarnett). John Barbirolli and His Orchestra; Alleluia (Mozart) Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra; Concerto in E Flat Major for Horn and Orchestra (Mozart); 1st. Mov. Allegro (Candiani); 2nd. Mov. Romanze (Larghetto); 3rd. Mov. Allegro Aubrey Brain (Horn) and the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult; Let the Bright Seraphim ("Samson"—Handel) Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra; Nocturne in E Flat Major, Op. 9, No. 2 (Copland) Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Minuet No. 1 (Bach) Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Onaway! Awake! Beloved ("Hitwathy"—Coleridge-Taylor) Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra; Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin) Bronislav Huberman (Violin) with Piano acc.; Je Veux Vivre Dans Ce Reve ("Roméo and Juliette"—Gounod) Elde Norena (Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.



Lila and George Plo-Uiski, who will give a two-piano solo at the Band Concert in aid of the Bomber Fund to be held in the Peninsula Hotel Lounge on Sunday.

N. E. I.—Japan NAZI METHODS IN NORWAY

Cruelty To Boys

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).

A fresh example of Quislingite violence towards Norwegian school-children is reported to-day by the Norwegian news agency. According to the Swedish newspaper, "Social Democrat," a detachment of Quisling storm-troopers forced their way into a school at Sken and demanded to be taken to a class in which were several boys who, they alleged had maltreated a member of the Quisling Youth Guard. The leader of the storm-troopers jumped on the teacher's desk and ordered four boys to follow him to an out-house where they were stripped naked and beaten with leather straps.

The school managers and staff have sent a strongly worded protest to the Ministry of Church and Education.

F.M.S. ENTRY

Passport and Visa System Considered

COLOMBO, Feb. 27 (Reuters).

The institution of a passport and visa system, together with a system of permits, is envisaged in two bills coming before the State Council on March 4, aimed at controlling the immigration of non-Ceylonese.

Passports are not required at present in the case of certain immigrants to Ceylon from India, Burma, F.M.S. and the Straits.

Three Corpses Tied Together

The bodies of three Chinese women, aged 27, 22 and 20 years, were washed ashore at Kennedy Town yesterday. The bodies were so tied together as to suggest a suicide pact, a Police report states.

British Women Fly From Thailand

SYDNEY, Feb. 27 (Reuters).

British women evacuees from Thailand arrived in Sydney by air to-day. They stated that a hundred more women and children are shortly going to Australia.

Dividend Declared

The Directors of the Vibro Piling Co., Ltd., have recommended a dividend of 50 cents per share in respect of the year ended December 31, 1940.

STAR FERRY PROFIT

Annual Report Made

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, presiding this morning at the annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., reported a drop of just over \$9,000 in traffic earnings for the past year.

Present were Mr. A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, and Mr. T. B. Wilson (Directors), Major C. M. Manners, Secretary and Manager of the Company, and Mr. C. E. Terry, Asst. Secretary. Shareholders present were Messrs. Gibson, Falkenstein, Edgar Abraham, W. Hansen, M. Groves, S. M. Churn and G. B. S. Thomson.

The Chairman said.—Traffic earnings for the year are down by \$9,048.83 or 1.117 per cent, as compared with 1939. This is largely due to the drop in first-class 10 cent fares, which decreased by \$25,272.00, mainly attributable to the number of women and children evacuated from the Colony. In all other passenger traffic there was an increase.

Expenses Up

The fall in earnings is negligible, but expenses have increased by \$90,506.68 or 25 per cent, over the previous year. This is almost entirely due to the increase in cost of coal and oil, the coal bill being \$90,744.82, or 63.3 per cent, above that for 1939. During the year the five-minute service was extended over a further one hour and 20 minutes daily, and additional late ferries were put on the run from 1.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. These extensions came into effect on April 11, 1940, and have increased the consumption of coal by about 410 tons over the year. These ferries, however, have been well patronised, showing that their introduction to meet a need of the travelling public was justified.

The cost of coal during the year, including coal hire coaling etc., averaged \$38.27 per ton. We have been able to fix a contract for the year 1941 at \$40.81 per ton which of course will result in a further rise in working expenses, as coal accounts for approximately 50 per cent. of our total working expenses.

Pier Leases

For some years past the Chairman at our annual meetings has made reference to the Pier Leases which are due to expire in 1949. The matter is receiving the closest attention of your Board of Directors, and we hope soon to be able to obtain some definite news as a result of Sir David Owen's recent visit to the Colony and his study of the question of Pier Leases and the future of the Port of Hongkong. I trust his report to Government will result in expediting a definite statement of policy and thus enable us to plan for the future.

The Company's fleet is in first-class condition, but some of the ferries have been running for a considerable time; their ages are as follows:—"Golden Star" 10 years; "Meridian Star" 16 years; "Solar Star" 15 years; "Night Star" 10 years; "Northern Star" 13 years; "Electric Star" 8 years.

Now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts presented, Mr. E. Grant Smith seconded the adoption of the Report and accounts, which were carried unanimously.

Appointments

The appointments of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and Mr. L. J. Davies to the Board of Directors in place of Mr. D. F. Landale and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, who had resigned, were confirmed on the proposal of Mr. G. Falkenstein seconded by Mr. E. Abraham.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. A. H. Compton were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. W. Hansen and seconded by Mr. W. M. Groves.

Mr. C. Bernhard Brown was re-elected auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$750, proposed by Mr. S. M. Churn and seconded by Mr. G. B. S. Thomson.

SOLDIER FACES CHARGES

A European soldier was one of three men who were charged before Mr. A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's to-day with demanding money with menaces.

Defendants were Tsang Wing-fuk alias Tsang Fuk, 45, unemployed seaman, Lo Lai-long, 21, unemployed, and Thomas John Milroy, 24, of the Middlesex Regiment, Shamshulpo Barracks.

All three men were charged with demanding \$30 with menaces from Lo Yau at Kowloon City on February 27. Lo and Milroy were further charged with demanding \$20 with menaces from Kan Lo at Kowloon City on February 27.

Further charges against Tsang and Milroy were that they demanded \$30 with menaces from Au Kin on February 7 and \$30 from Chim Sheung on the same day.

Det-Sergeant Dowman asked for a week's remand and said that if Milroy was to be remanded in Military custody then he would like an assurance that Milroy would be placed under close arrest. "The charges are serious," declared the Sergeant.

Capt. W. H. P. Chetty gave the Court the requested assurance. Defendants were remanded for a week.

Burma Rd Bombing

KUNMING, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Japanese heavy bombers attacked Salween Bridge on the Burma highway this afternoon in two waves of 15 and 21 planes. Two waves of dive-bombers also attacked the tin-mining district near Kechu. The "All Clear" was sounded at Kunming at 6.10 p.m.

Americans Give Freely To British War Relief

Citizens of Dallas, U.S.A., donated US\$12,373.76 in cash during one week recently for the British War Relief Society, according to Dallas "Times Herald." This amount brought the total contributions for the five weeks Dallas chapter has been in existence to \$41,615.19, which has been forwarded to the national headquarters of the society in New York for immediate use to aid war victims in England. This sum includes \$5,100 raised by British war relief dances at local hotels on January 10.

During one week 1,707 Dallas people joined the British War Relief Society, paying dues of \$2 each. The total membership now is 8,493 people and more than fifty Dallas business and civic organisations are now conducting membership campaigns in their various groups.

The number of Dallas women who are volunteer knitters for British war relief almost doubled during seven days, the increase being from 414 on January 10 to 826 on January 18. This increase comes from the organisation of volunteer knitting groups among the various women's clubs and employees' organisations. Wool is provided all knitting volunteers.

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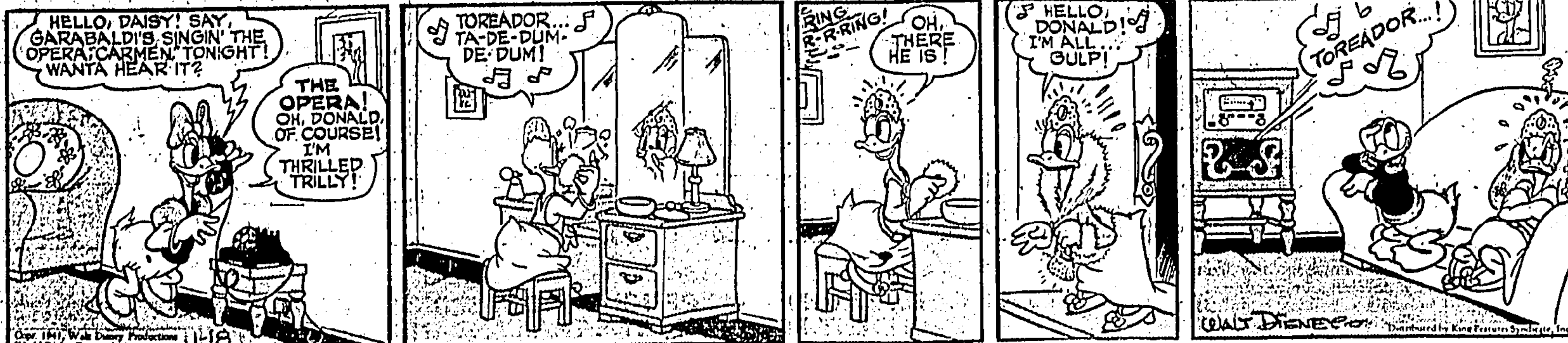
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ACROSS

- Seed coating.
- Accepted fact.
- Shiller whale.
- Tip.
- Toward of merit.
- Cir's name.
- Excitation.
- Cut in cubes.
- Measure of volume.
- The (German).
- Concerning.
- Admiral's address.
- Iron.
- Block of ice.
- Headless.
- Chorus feat.
- Contractor.
- Open.
- Hebrew month.
- For-every.
- Attack from above.
- Initial signature.
- Dile.
- Intellect.
- Medicinal plant.
- Part of compound.
- Exchange.

DOWN

- Make ice.
- Catty out.
- Religious name.
- Shattered counsel.
- Exist.
- Old.
- Anger.
- Climbing device.
- Millimeter (abbr.).
- On grand scale.
- Note (abbr.).
- Hebrew letter.
- Indo-China.
- Peninsula.
- Permit.
- Cliff's name.
- Child's napkin.
- Debtless.
- Large tub.
- Flow (abbr.).
- Chapter.
- Perceive.
- Disputed.
- Later.
- Woman's prohibition.
- Worthless dogs.
- Worthless dogs.
- Lick up.
- Indivisible.
- Note of scale.
- Tantalum.

Bevin Calls On Workers To Hustle

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An appeal to dockers to "help us beat Hitler" was made by Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, who announced in London to-day a new scheme for dock labour on the Merseyside which will improve and speed up working conditions.

Mr Bevin said that transport has now become a key factor and organisation of transport would determine the duration of this struggle.

Clearing Ships

"We are aiming at 40 per cent. quicker turn-round of ships and clearance at ports. I want to appeal to my friends, the dockers, to help us beat Hitler."

Mr Bevin said that the Merseyside scheme will start on March 10 and will be applied later to Clyde ports. He added that we must secure a quicker turn-round and a bigger output if we were to cope not merely with the attack that was being made now but the attack we were threatened within a very short time.

DUCE "EXPLAINS" FAILURE

Spanish War Took Resources

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In what appeared to be an attempt to explain away the serious reverses recently suffered by Italy, Mussolini to-day issued, through the Stefani agency, a long list of armaments which he sent to General Franco during the Spanish civil war.

An accompanying statement by the diplomatic correspondent of the agency says: "The figures indicate how important was the contribution to Spain which, coming immediately after the powerful effort made in Ethiopia, doubtless struck a blow at Italy's war potential."

"These two big drafts on the strength of the armed forces were made while other nations were able, on the contrary, to devote all their means to preparing for war."

Spanish Intervention

Explaining the reason for Italian intervention in the Spanish civil war, Stefani's diplomatic correspondent says that it was necessary "for reasons of national, revolutionary and Mediterranean policy."

National and Mediterranean reasons made it necessary, he continues, to prevent Spain from becoming a military and naval base for France and Britain against Italy while revolutionary reasons demanded Italian Fascist intervention for the system was modelled on it.

Turkey Welcomes Mr Eden

ANKARA, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—"The Turkish nation most respectfully salutes the Commonwealth of British nations in the persons of its two very distinguished representatives," declares the Turkish newspaper, "Ulus," in a warm tribute quoted by the Ankara radio.

The sincere reception accorded to Mr Eden and General Dill, adds the paper, is a friendly manifestation of the affection and confidence the Turkish nation feels towards Britain, who has been a most influential factor in the destinies of Turkey.

Mr Eden is described as a statesman likely to play an important role in the history of the British Empire and known to be an old and warm exponent of Anglo-Turkish friendship.

The paper concludes that the Turkish nation earnestly hopes that the guests' stay in Ankara will be a happy one and that their contacts there will be fruitful for the good of the two nations.

Staff With Cripps

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—According to a Moscow dispatch to the official German news agency, Sir Stafford Cripps, when he left Moscow by plane for Istanbul, was accompanied by Mr John Russell of the British Embassy and Squadron Leader Charlton-Allamell, the British Air Attache.

Currie's Farewell To China

CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—"I leave with my faith in the greatness of China's destiny confirmed," declared Mr Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, upon his departure to-day by air for Hongkong en route to Washington.

In a statement to the Press, he says: "I wish it were possible, on leaving Chungking, to express adequately my gratitude for the warm hospitality which has been accorded me and Mr Emilie Despres (a member of the Mission).

Co-operation

"Government departments have been co-operative in furnishing information. This has made our task relatively easy. I want to convey my thanks through the press to the many people in the Government offices who have worked hard to make this co-operation effective.

"For me, this visit has been a memorable experience and I leave with my faith in the greatness of China's destiny confirmed."

Mr Currie and Mr Despres were seen off at the airfield by a number of Chinese leaders, including Dr H. H. Kung.

FREE CHINA Special Classification Of Imports

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 28 (I.N.A.).—Fourteen categories of goods can be imported to Free China regardless of the country of origin, as they are badly needed for internal consumption, according to instructions from the Ministry of Economics.

The list includes cereals, cotton yarn, iron and steel, machinery, communication materials, cement, chemical products, agriculture implements, salt, medicinal supplies, petroleum products, gunny bags, alcohol etc.

Fanling Golf Starting Times Sunday

OLD COURSE	NEW COURSE
0.16 G. E. Costello, D. D. Evans.	0.24 Miss Cuthbertson, J. G. Jensen.
0.20 I. H. Geare, K. B. Morrison.	0.28 Miss Boyd, Major Alley.
0.24 V. Greenes, I. H. C. Highet.	0.32 F. V. Macdonald, V. D. Price.
0.28 G. M. Park, F. A. Howard.	0.36 L. M. Lloyd, R. F. Phillips.
0.32 R. H. Challinor, J. D. Harrison.	0.40 Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
0.36 A. Harrop, J. Linaker.	0.44 J. Armstrong, Col. Matthews.
0.40 M. H. Turner, J. G. Taylor.	0.48 Capt. Campbell, Ray. Cdr Burton.
0.44 J. D. Purves, T. F. McKeown.	
0.48 J. E. Clague, P. E. Annik.	
0.52 H. M. Rowland, F. M. Cotton.	
0.56 A. Webb, R. L. Webb, Cdr Page.	
1.00 C. Meredith, J. Fleming.	
1.04 S. T. Dunin, T. Low.	
1.08 W. Clague, J. G. Bosanquet.	
1.12 D. Lyon, J. A. Mills.	
1.16 R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson.	
1.20 J. D. Purves, T. F. McKeown.	
1.24 A. C. Bowker, S. L. Lloyd.	
1.28 E. Molloy, J. A. Ritchie.	
1.32 G. T. Lewry, Surg. Lt. Cdr Page.	
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Match Postponed

THE Junior cricket match between the Civil Servants and the Hongkong Cricket Club arranged for to-morrow has been postponed.

Club Cricket XI

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. versus the University at home to-morrow:

T. Owen, Hughes, G. W. Pudney, D. B. Robb, N. D. Booker, L. D. Kilbee, W. J. Pinnis, G. J. P. Carey, G. P. Charlton, L. T. Rids, A. E. Perry and R. H. Griffiths.

Compulsory Service Tribunal Decisions

Five Cases Heard

Five persons appeared before the Compulsory Service Tribunal this morning, and of these three were posted to the Combatant Group, one to the Essential Services Group and one to the Key-Posts Group.

The Tribunal comprised: His Honour Mr Justice E. H. Williams (Chairman), Lieut. Comdr L. L. Tollemache, Major R. E. Moody, Mr E. Davidson, Mr C. Blaker and Mr C. Bramall Burgess (Clerk to the Tribunal).

Mr L. A. Calcraft (42), of Butterfield and Swire and who held a Commission in the last war, said that he had endeavoured to join the Volunteers but was turned down because of the medical report. He was now trying to join the mine-watching branch of the Naval Volunteers, and was of the opinion that he could get in as the work involved was not so strenuous.

The Chairman remarked that in that case he would post Mr Calcraft to the Combatant Group, though strictly speaking, in view of his age and health, he ought to be in the Essential Services Group. If Mr Calcraft's offer to join the mine-watching branch was turned down, he would be re-posted.

Cannot Find Time

Mr A. J. W. Evans (38), of the British Cigarette Co., was also posted to the Combatant Group. He told the Tribunal that he would like to be classed as a Key-Post man for, though he was quite willing to do his bit it was impossible for him to find the time.

The Chairman: I hardly think you come within the definition of a Key-Post man. Persons who come under that category are those who are required to carry on in an emergency, like those in the electric, gas and traffic companies. I think that in the event of an emergency, your work will be closed down.

Mr Evans: Yes. The only thing I'd like to say is that we are extending and have to work all night in order to relieve shipping from Hong.



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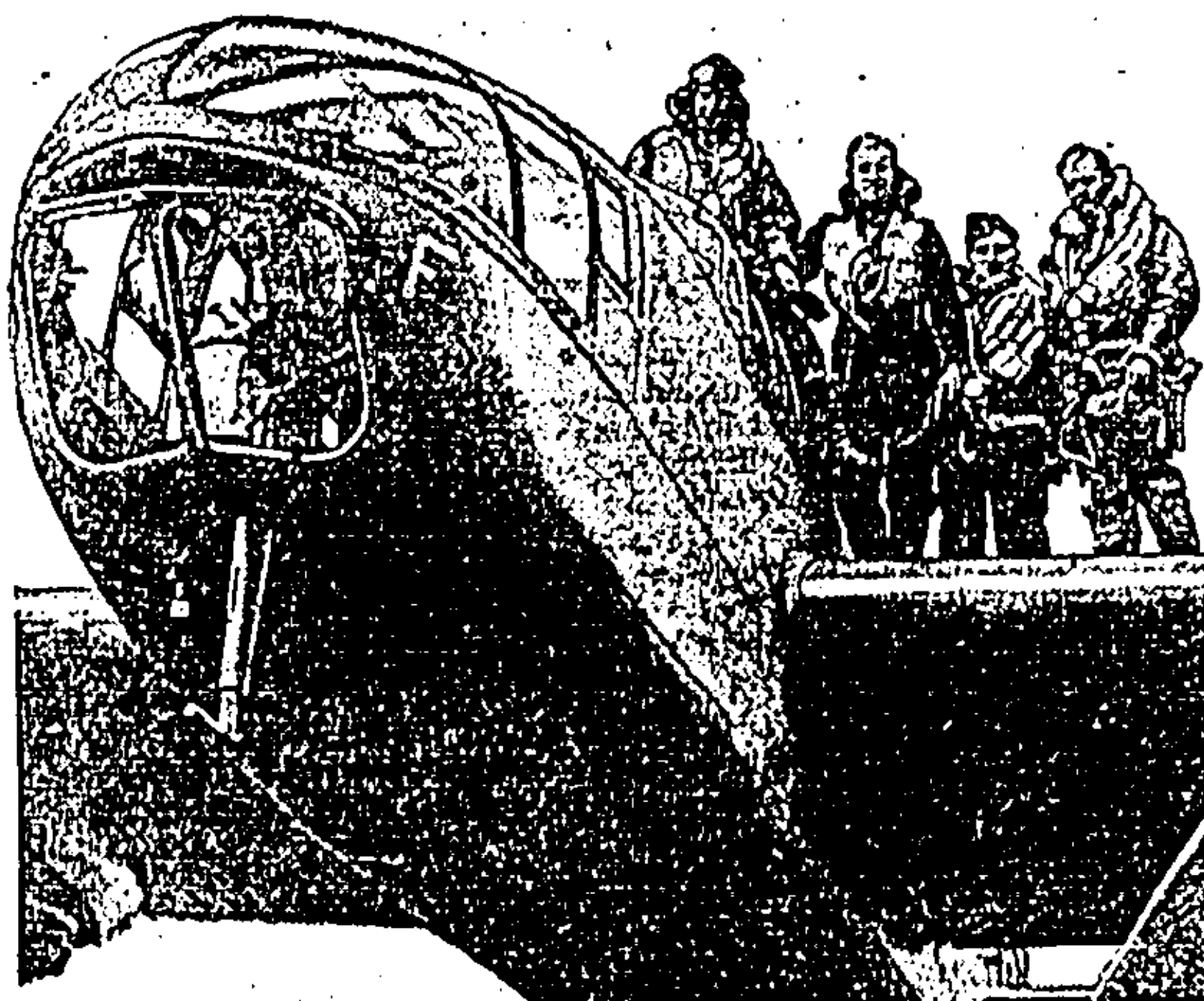
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CHINA'S DANGER

WHILE China would appear at casual survey to be enjoying a period of comparative rest and to be sitting safely in a middle position, a closer scrutiny shows that she is near the edge of a volcano, in withdrawing from which, she must exercise the greatest care, to avoid not only the impending eruption but also the fatal currents which result therefrom.

The Hunan campaign has been reduced to casual warfare, and while Chungking may or may not consider this a time of recuperation after victory it is possible too that the Japanese are also satisfied with maintaining the status quo. By withdrawing garrisons, reducing the force of their aerial bombardments and directing the point of their propaganda mainly against Communists, the Japanese are inducing a false sense of security in Free China while concentrating their battlefronts in the south in accordance with Axis policy.

Free China must not, for her own protection, accept this temporary immunity as a guarantee for the future. By her present inactivity a mute acceptance is made which enables the invader to divide his forces with the confidence that no enterprising enemy will seize on his weakness and exploit it. Under Nazi guidance the Japanese are temporising with Chungking through German agents who know of the wiles of long term totalitarian diplomacy. In effect Tokyo is asking, Chiang Kai-shek to sit out for a while and attend to Communists while Japan lends a hand in another quarter before coming back to renew the fray armed this time with Axis aid in place of promises.

The proof is so simple that it startles. China has always been willing to make a peace which would preserve her sovereignty, retain her territory and expel Japanese soldiers from her shores. Japan wants to exploit China as her first market. She has lamentably failed to do this through four years of fighting. At peace with China the growth of trade between the two countries would be enormous, fostered as it would be by the elimination of other markets through the European war. Furthermore, a vast army would be freed for Japan's other designs.

The reason why Tokyo does not see things as simply as this is because she has not such confidence in her Axis partners' venture that she can be sure of obtaining her reward in the south for participation. By withdrawing entirely from China and then falling in her southward expansion she would lose all that she has fought for and is still fighting for. While Berlin declines and Tokyo vacillates, Chungking must retain a clear view of the objectives. No one will deny the Chinese the right to make a just peace but more than ever now must she insist on her original terms, and until they are made, she must prosecute her defence unflinchingly.

NO MORE CONCESSIONS IN THAI-INDO-CHINA DISPUTE SAYS VICHY

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, FEB. 27 (UP).—AN OFFICIAL VICHY SPOKESMAN, TALKING TO A "UNITED PRESS" CORRESPONDENT REGARDING THE THAILAND-INDO-CHINA ARMISTICE IMPASSE, DECLARED: "FRANCE HAS FIXED HER MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS, AND IT IS AN IRON-BOUND CERTAINTY THAT FRANCE WILL NOT GO AN INCH BEYOND THEM, WHATEVER HAPPENS."

"We have been given guard of the empire under the armistice with Germany, and we will keep our word."

Shanghai reports that the terms the French refused were Japan's final offer are declared in Vichy as being exaggerated.

It is learned that on Saturday last Admiral Darlan informed Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador, that the position was as follows:

France needs war materials to maintain the integrity of Indo-China and she would like to buy planes and other fighting equipment for immediate delivery from the United States.

So far there has been no reply from Washington, although earlier in February Mr Cordell Hull said that the United States declined to deliver planes and other war materials to Indo-China.

"Must Make Them Agree"

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Colonel Tatsuji Koike, Chief of the Japanese mission to Indo-China when asked regarding the prospects of the Tokyo negotiations, told the "United Press" exclusively: "There is only one way out—we must make Indo-China and Thailand agree."

He asserted that Mr Matsuo's statement regarding a Japanese Lebensraum in the Southern Pacific, "naturally includes Indo-China."

Asked to comment on Thailand's demands for two thirds of Cambodia and Laos, the Colonel replied: "The demands might look large from a glance of the Indo-China map, but actually I think it quite proper that the Thais obtain these territories."

He said that a prospective war between Japan and Britain only exists in Britain's imagination. Nine times during the interview he reiterated that Japan does not want to fight Britain.

Mr Hull's Comment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a query regarding Japanese mediation between Indo-China and Thailand said, he was uninformed whether or not the talks had broken up. He asserted he did not care to dignify the report that the United States had participated in the talks or tried to influence the parties concerned.

Accused of Dictating

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The President of the Cochinchina Colonial Council, M. Henry De Lachevollere, in a signed editorial in "De Peche" writes: "Japan's attitude at Tokyo negotiations is neutral, not dictating but rather dictating." He urged the Indo-China Government not to accept the Thai demands.

The Mayor of Saigon officially appealed to all native and French bodied men who are not connected with the Army to join a special defence corps as soon as possible, owing to the present uncertain situation. Informal quarters report that Indo-China's attitude towards the negotiations is stiffening, therefore the Government is taking definite precautions should the negotiations fail. They asserted that growing bitterness directed against Japan in view of the fact that Japan is revealing her stand in the Japanese evacuation as preparation for Japanese pressure for the acceptance of the Thailand demands which Thailand would never make unless backed by a third Power.

Get Ready To Leave

SAIGON, Feb. 27 (Domel).—The Japanese Consul-General, Mr Minoda, received representatives of Japanese residents at the Consulate this morning when it was understood that he advised them to prepare for evacuation as a precaution against possible complication in the Tokyo mediation conference.

There are at present about 120 Japanese residents in Saigon.

French Troops Ready

VICHY, Feb. 27 (Domel).—Authoritative circles disclosed that the French are massing troops along the Thai-Indo-China frontier ready to resume hostilities if the armistice talks fail.

Warning Chorus

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An official issue of "withdrawing notices" to all Japanese residents in French Indo-China follows the warning chorus in to-day's press, threatening drastic consequences should either Thailand or French Indo-China reject the Japanese proposals to settle the frontier dispute between the two countries.

It is believed that the Thai delegates are ready to accept the territorial revision proposed by the Japanese, but that the French have opposed any revision of the border from the outset.

Government officials declared here to-day that they were not nervous about the outcome and said that the

MR WINANT In Agreement On Helping Britain

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr John Winant, new American Ambassador to Britain, left by Clipper for Lisbon to-day en route to London.

In a statement made before leaving, Mr Winant said that he and President Roosevelt were in agreement on the policy of material aid to Britain and he would do his best to carry through that policy.

"Whatever is done must depend on whatever the American people make it possible to do in the weeks and months ahead. We all know what England is doing and we recognise the gallantry, sacrifice and unity of her people under the leadership of Mr Winston Churchill," Mr Winant said.

Waziristan Feud

PESHAWAR, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—After a successful British action against North Waziristan malcontents, the leader of the latter has fled and is now reported to have realised his error and to be contemplating settling with the Government.

Big Need For Faster Merchant Liners

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A comprehensive review of British shipping problems was given by Lord Rotherwick, formerly Sir Herbert Cayzer, President of the Chamber of Shipping at its annual meeting in London to-day. He urged the building of faster cargo liners.

While appreciating the need for a maximum new tonnage which had impelled Government to order a large number of slow vessels, it was no use, he said, building such ships if their slow speed exposed them unduly to enemy attacks. It was only after 18 months of war that Government had turned their attention to faster cargo ships of the liner type.

A fast ship, he claimed, could do two voyages to one of a slow ship, and this would lessen the strain on the service of the already over-worked destroyers, as fast ships would not need convoying. Lord Rotherwick advised a constant review of shipping to ensure that fast ships were not used on less dangerous services; thus reduce the time each ship spent in passing through the danger area; and cut to a minimum the unavoidable delays under wartime conditions.

Every day counted for victory and precious days should not be lost in handling cargo or in repairs or in awaiting a convoy. Priority with the Army and Air Force in supplying guns and machine-guns to merchant ships to enable them to defend themselves against air attacks.

Purchase Rights

Lord Rotherwick said that shipowners should be able to purchase Government ships as a partial solution of replacement problems. At present, the only shipping that was being replaced was Government shipping and the only building was Government building.

The present policy would result in the bulk of tonnage being Government owned if the war lasted a long time, and it raised the issue of nationalisation. He enabled shipowners to plan ahead and remove the existing uncertainty in this regard, Government should frankly state whether nationalisation was their intention.

Admiral Of The Fleet Warns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Chatfield, in a speech here to-day, said that he hoped Japan would not be so foolish as to make Britain fight in the Far East, adding: "We need not fear to fight in the Far East, although we could ill afford any further strain on our meagre naval resources." He warned that Britain could expect a great attack on Britain's trade routes within the next few months.

INDIA'S DEAD Fell In Successes In North Africa

NEW DELHI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the Assembly to-day, a Government spokesman stated that Muslims killed in different battles or expeditions in and around Egypt and other encounters from June 1939, to December, 1940, number 22 and non-Muslims 52.

Training Pilots
PESHAWAR, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The brilliant British sweeps in Africa have sent a wave of enthusiasm over the tribal area in the North-West Frontier, where the victories of the Imperial forces are being widely discussed.

Plans to speed up the existing government scheme to train 300 pilots and 2,000 ground staff for the Indian Air Force Reserve will come into effect on March 3, involving the formation of a new elementary flying school while the establishment of others is being actively considered. In future recruits will pass through four stages of training before qualifying for the fighting service. Civil aviation authorities are co-operating in the scheme. Centres for ground staff are also being considerably increased.

ATLANTIC CLIPPERS

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).

Five experienced British Overseas Airways pilots have arrived in New York to take delivery of a number of Boeing Clipper flying boats, it is learned in London.

They will fly the clippers to England, thus allowing the Overseas Airways to fulfil the promise by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, that Britain would resume the Atlantic service in the summer. The new clippers weigh about 40 tons and carry over 3,000 gallons of petrol.

Australia-Rumania

CANBERRA, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Australia has severed trading relations with Rumania, which has been declared enemy territory, according to an announcement to-day. This is in conformity with the recent extension of the British blockade to Rumania.

Demoralised Italians Retreat And Surrender In Thousands

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The repulse of armoured vehicles believed to be German is reported in a communique, which says that in Libya, advanced elements of British mechanised forces encountered and drove back west of Agaila, a reconnaissance unit of armoured fighting vehicles believed to be German.

In Eritrea, while the British forces continue actively to contain the main body of the enemy about Keren, further progress has been made by our column advancing southwards from Cubeb.

In Italian Somaliland, the rapid and vigorous advance of the South African forces from the line along the River Juba to the capture of Mogadiscio has evidently demoralised the enemy forces in the area. They are offering themselves for surrender all along the line stretch of country which has been overrun. Several thousands of prisoners have already been counted and many more are continuing to come in. In addition, large quantities of war material of all kinds have fallen into our hands.

Not the least satisfactory feature of this highly successful advance has been that we recovered 200 Allied seamen who had been held at Merca for many months by the Italians as prisoners of war.

Italian Communique

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Events in Italian Somaliland were mentioned in to-day's Rome communique, which says that after over

a month's strong resistance, Italian troops are withdrawing towards Mogadiscio and are still resisting "preponderant enemy forces." In the Sudan, a communique states that "enemy troops, beaten in the Zelmanni zone, announced in Monday's Italian communique, retired on Buna, leaving numerous dead, wounded and material behind."

The air attack on Malta was thus described: "Formations of German bombers, escorted by German and Italian fighters, made mass attacks on Maltese airports. Ten enemy planes were set on fire on the ground, many others were seriously damaged, and hangars and installations were hit."

In air fights, four Hurricanes were brought down, two by German and two by Italian fighters.

Off Tobruk

On February 25, the communique states, German planes hit an enemy destroyer off Tobruk with large calibre bombs, and also concentrations of enemy motorised vehicles.

British Comment

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is pointed out in official circles here that the Italians have not yet been told of their heavy defeat in the fall of Mogadiscio.

Official comment on the description in the Italian communique of the Malta attack points out that it makes no reference to the facts given in the Malta communique that the attackers lost two planes to British fighters and five to anti-aircraft fire while six were so badly damaged that they probably did not reach their bases.

Abandoned Towns

KHARTOUM, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Khartoum, which is about thirty miles north of Keren, still besieged by the British, has been occupied by our troops without resistance. Nakfa, abandoned by the enemy, has also been occupied.

Story Of The Fall Of Mogadiscio

NAIROBI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An official communique issued here to-day says: "During the night of February 25-26, our East and West African troops entered Mogadiscio without opposition. Owing to the darkness, the defeat of the enemy on the line of the Juba, the speed of our advance and the hurried evacuation, the town has suffered little damage."

"It has been impossible up to now to assess the number of prisoners and material captured, and many Europeans and Askaris are still surrendering."

"This achievement was made possible by the co-operation of all three services and the vigorous action of all the forces employed."

A Great March

"Its greatness will be appreciated when it is realised that during the period February 12 to 25, starting from the advance bases already at the end of the line of communication 220 miles long, the fighting formations have advanced in the face of opposition over a single track road

a distance of 570 miles. "In addition the major water obstacle of Juba has been crossed—a line which the Italians apparently thought impregnable in the face of opposition."

Bridge Bombed

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Stores and troop concentrations and supply dumps were attacked by the R.A.F. in the Keren area with good effect.

At Asab, bombs were dropped on a large transport yard while near Massawa, ammunition stores and other military objectives were raided. A railway bridge at Awash, near Addis Ababa, was attacked and a direct hit damaged the bridge and track.

Collecting Boxes For Bomber Fund



This photograph shows one of the 25 collecting boxes, designed like a bomb, which are to be used for collecting money for the "South China Morning Post" and "Hongkong Telegraph" Bomber Fund. The boxes were designed by Mr. S. E. Faber, A.F.C., and manufactured and presented to the Hongkong War Effort Committee by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd. The boxes are made of brass. The main body is chromium plated, while the fins are plated copper. The base has an oxidised statuary bronze finish. A chromium plate is attached to the base bearing the inscription "Bomber Fund—Hongkong War Effort Committee."

Confer With Welles

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The United States Under-Secretary of State (Mr. Sumner Welles) was to see both the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, this afternoon.

Black-Out Comments: Hospital Test Made

"There is nothing more that I can add about the blackout exercises that have not already been published except that I shall hold another exercise in the very near future, when weather conditions permit," stated Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, this morning.

He said that fog prevented observation from the air and there was no further point in continuing with the tests.

The Queen Mary Hospital last night was equipped entirely with lights. At a certain period, the hospital authorities were authorised to change half the lights to white lights, sufficient to enable the doctors to carry out operations, duties etc. From a distance of about 200 yards the test was judged moderately successful.

Observation on the experimental star-lighting in Lockhart Road was made from the air and was discontinued last night. Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins hopes to carry out experiments in this type of lighting somewhere in the New Territories, probably early next week. The exact site has not yet been selected.

Indoor Shelters

Questioned as to whether Hongkong would be using the special indoor air-raid shelters which had recently been approved by the Home Government, and which can be used as a table as well as a shelter, Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins said that he had already cabled the Home Government for full details.

This type of shelter would not be suitable for Hongkong as an indoor shelter in a Chinese tenement dwelling would hardly accommodate the 20 to 30 inhabitants. It might, however, come in very useful for the rural districts and has already proved its worth in outlying districts in England.

The A.R.P. Director said that the purpose of the air-raid signals was to warn the general public that danger from an air attack was imminent and the population should therefore make for the shelters and all vehicles and shipping should come to a stop. Although the blackout exercise commenced at sunset and terminated at dawn, it was very difficult to impress this point home

Rumours Of Japanese Plans

Base Near Hongkong

KWEILIN, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Intensifying preparations for its push southward the Japanese War Office has created a special staff headquarters to take charge of operations in the south-eastern Pacific, according to intelligence reports reaching here.

Major-General Hasbima, it is stated, has been appointed Chief of Staff, and his headquarters will be composed of members to be drawn from the staffs of the Japanese Army and the Japanese forces in South China.

Meanwhile, another dispatch received here states that Japanese troops, under the supervision of the engineering corps, have been constructing a huge airfield at Taipei, on the coast of Blas Bay to the east of Hongkong, which will soon be completed.

It is reported that the Japanese are preparing to use Blas Bay as a servicing station to provision Japanese naval vessels in the event of racial hostilities in the southeastern Pacific.

U. S. Envoy In Incident

Wilhelmstrasse Point

BERLIN, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The official organ of the German Foreign Office to-day sharply attacks the American Minister at Sofia, Mr. George Earle, for his alleged pro-British attitude, and complains of the similar attitude of other United States diplomats.

Mr. Earle was the victim of an assault by Nazis in a restaurant in Sofia when he requested the orchestra to play the song "Tipperary" which aroused the rage of the Germans present. A German officer threw a champagne bottle at Mr. Earle who retaliated by knocking him down.

China Front In South Pacific

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Defence of the Southern Pacific with Great Britain, United States and the Dutch East Indies was emphasised in a special article in to-day's Chinese official newspaper, "Central Daily News."

The paper declares: "There are 10,000,000 Chinese residing in the south-east whose lives and property are directly threatened by Japan's southward expansion. Therefore, China must have discussions with the Powers convened with a view to a joint defence in the Southern Pacific."

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Two Jobs for M.P.s Bill Adopted by Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Some controversy was aroused in the House of Commons to-day when the House debated the "Two Jobs for Members" Bill, officially styled as the Commons Disqualification Temporary Provisions Bill.

The Bill was originally introduced to legalise Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's appointment as High Commissioner for Canada while Mr. MacDonald retains his seat as a member of Parliament.

The Government insisted on treating a division as a vote of confidence, but eventually the House gave the Bill a unanimous reading.

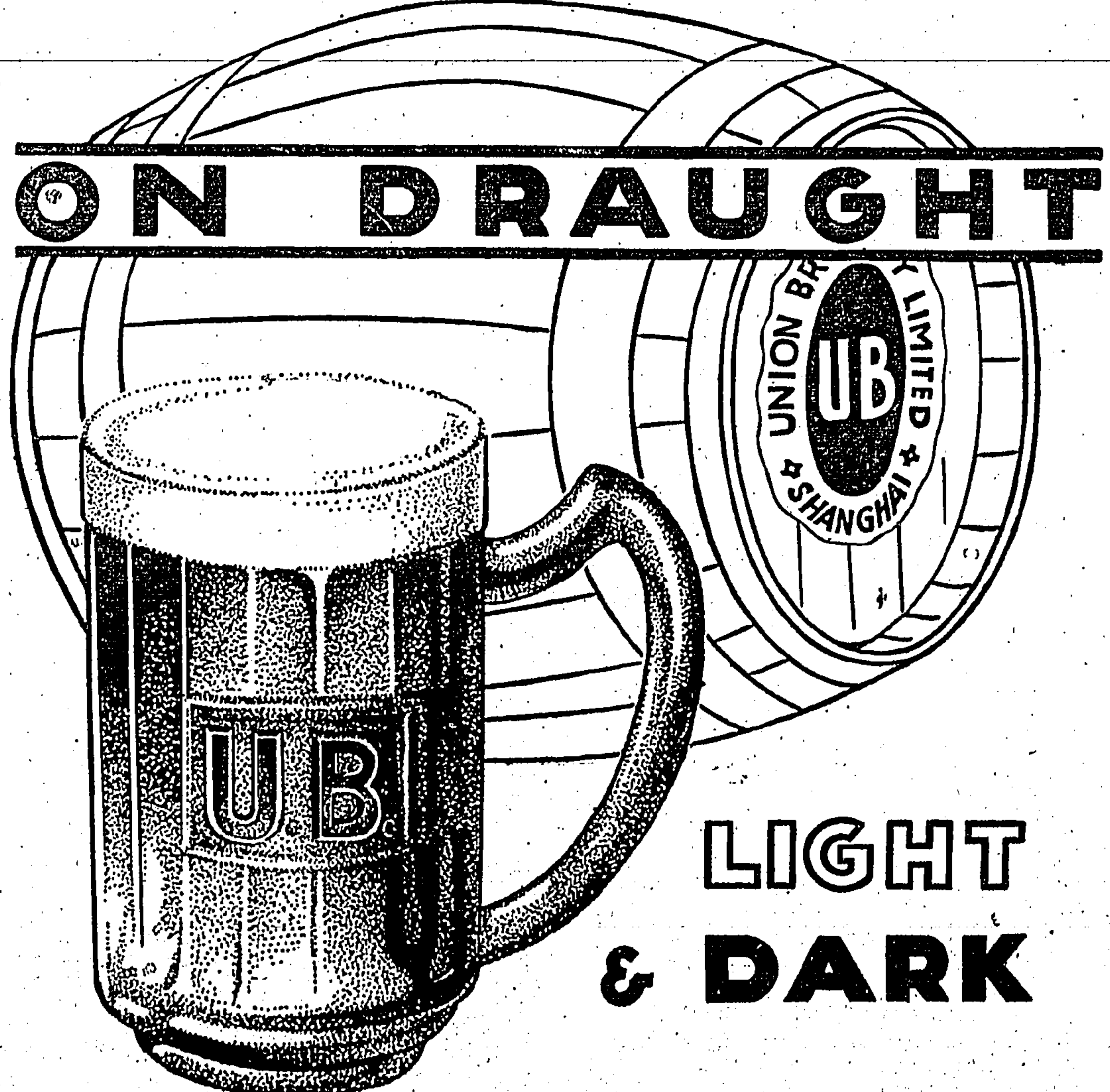
The Bill only lasts for one year and in the interim the Select Committee will seek to clarify the whole position of members of Parliament who accept offices of profit.

K.R.A. Meeting

Kowloon residents are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held this evening at 6 p.m. in St Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

LONDON, Feb. 27 (British Wire).—The Chairman of the Trades Union Congress General Council, Mr. George Gibson, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day.

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Ban On Winners Promises Sporting Events

Flemington Plate Entries Into Two Sections For Original 109 Entries

Hope For Nil Desperandum Stakes

The opening event at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon is the Caulfield Stakes, for Australian griffins of this meeting, which should be good consolation to those ponies which have failed to cross the wire first, for the winner is to receive \$1,750.

On the book, Oracle should atone for her failure in the Austral Racing Stakes when Mr Li's candidate fell before Colooma by a short head over a distance of 1 1/4 miles. To-morrow the run is two furlongs less and Oracle is almost a dead certainty. Mountain View and Nomine Poenae are recommended for the lower positions.

There were originally 109 nominations of Australian subscription ponies of this season for the Flemington Plate, but the entries have been divided into two sections. In the first section which is a run over the mile, A Surprising Time, Black Seal, Corsair, Fresh Air, Jus Gentium, Royal Sovereign and Sydney Lady are the remaining good non-winners, but a red pencil can be drawn right across Black Seal's name for the progeny of Billy Moore is on the walking list.

A Surprising Time finished third behind Endeavour and Mainail in the first section of Blue Mountains Plate, but the last named has been drawn into the second section and the first racer with Mr Black up should have an easy passage. Royal Sovereign and Sydney Lady should fill the minor placings. Optima Fide may upset the applicant.

Bradbury's Bad Luck

I'd like to see Charlesber winning the Nil Desperandum Stakes confined to China pony griffins of this meeting over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in. Mr Bradbury with a long string of expensive animals deserves better luck, for there is no denying that the wheel of fortune has not lately been turning for him.

Charlesber, Palber and Royber were all entered for last year's

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 Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

Interport Hockey XI

The following have been selected to represent Hongkong against Macao in the annual Interport Hockey series, which will take place in Macao this season on Saturday, March 9 at 3 p.m.:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (Club) and J. B. Consalves (Recreio); R. Marques (Recreio); W. A. Reed (Club); Karminder Singh (Khalsa); B. T. Gosano (Recreio); H. L. Ozorio (Recreio) and W. Brown (Police).
 Reserves.—A.E.P. Guest (Khalsa) (full-back); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) forward; D. T. Smith (C.B.A.) (forward) and A. M. Alves (Recreio) (half-back).

Hongkong Derby, but none of them could face the start on account of being "dotty." However, Palber has picked up a small race, the Grand Stand Stakes, for the owner and it is hoped that Charlesber will follow the trail. Strong opposition is sure to come from Sam's Choice and Wonderful Scheme, but I firmly believe that Mr Bradbury's aspirant is a better animal.

There is, however, an "if" in my selection. It is rumoured that Lovelylight may or may not accept, but should the mare weigh out, preference should be given to Mr Moller's racer. After running third in the Hongkong Derby on a slippery going, Lovelylight has been under the care of a vet and that is the reason she has not been seen in public.

Spring Handicap

After readjustment of weights, the Happy Valley Spring Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile should provide another tight finish. Incidentally the first leg of the daily double is on this event and we are sure to have a big field.

During the first four days of racing the Gymkhana Handicap was the only race in which the judges could not separate Conquering Time and Eve of Reason for the premier place with Highbur third losing by a short head. There were close behind a few more ponies. Hillsboro Bay and Lillibur were positive among the batch, but there were two more runners which I could not recognise due to the fact that their racing colours were plastered with mud.

However, with a ban placed on Conquering Time and Eve of Reason, I am confident that Mr Bradbury's two racers will be in the limelight. Preference be given to Lillibur, and Hillsboro Bay should also be considered a hot stuff. Kentucky has no objection to a sloppy track and apart from being in fine condition, the mare is worth following up.

Yarra Stakes

The Yarra Stakes is a nice scramble for Austral griffins from the 1 1/4 mile post (about half mile 170 yards) and after erasing all the winners in the list of entries, we have a good bunch of middle class speedy merchants. My best three are Hascossay, Misty View and Via Major and they should reach the touch line in the order I have named.

I have no confidence in Nomine Poenae because the pony's colour is not to my liking and Canberra does not like the gate business. King's Welcome has a nice record, finishing fourth in all her four outings, and I wonder whether the mare will break or follow the sequence. After running fourth in the Austral Trial Plate The Nineteenth Hole has not appeared in public, but should the mare turn out to-morrow she is worth \$5 each way.

Taipei Handicap

In the Taipei Handicap for "C" class China ponies over the mile, I

LAST DAY EVENTS

Children No Longer Allowed To Attend

The Fifth Day of the Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow at Happy Valley, the first saddling bell being rung at 1.30 p.m. instead of the usual 11 o'clock.

There are nine interesting events on the card, but a feature of to-morrow's programme is that a ban has been placed on all winners, excepting the Professional Cup, which is a champion contest confined to Australian subscription griffins of this season.

With all winners locked in their stalls, we can certainly look forward with certainty to a good day's sport and but it only remains for the Weather Clerk to provide a sunny afternoon.

Titles Retained

The two champion events last Tuesday were not without excitement. Confusion Bay and Sapper have again retained their title as the champion China and Australian ponies respectively for another ten months, but when Autumn comes, these two holders may find much stronger opposition in the open class.

For over half a century the last day of the Annual Carnival has always been known as a big day for kiddies, but parents are reminded that no children will be admitted to the club's premises to-morrow.

During the last few years the presence of these little fellows has been a great nuisance to the racing public owing to the negligence of parents in allowing their children to run "in and out of the prohibited area." As a result the Stewards have no other alternative but to refuse the admission of innocent tiny-tots.

Cricket

D.B.S. Trounce Ellis Kadoorie

Yesterday was a day for bowlers in a junior cricket match between the Diocesan Boys' School and the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School, the former winning by 81 runs.

The D.B.S., at home, totalled 118, of which N. Masters contributed in good 40, while K. Frokoppoff not only scored 22 but took 3 for 2. D. Gaggino took 2 for 0, J. Ramsey 2 for 2 and B. Whitfield 2 for 3.

Scores were: D.B.S.—118 (N. Masters 40, K. Frokoppoff 22, J. Ramsey 14, A. G. Hyder 5 for 42).

E. K. S.—37 (Extras 15, Gaggino 2 for 0, Frokoppoff 3 for 2, Ramsey 2 for 2, Whitfield 2 for 3, Spary 1 for 7).

University Team

The following will represent University in a friendly match against Club to-morrow at Chater Road:

N. C. Sen Gupta, L. T. Pido, K. Y. Tam, T. G. Hong Chy, J. Fenton, K. B. Oh, N. Singh, T. C. Lo, S. Amplaavahar, S. Mahmood, Reserve: D. Chelliah.

fancy Potentate to win with Galveston Bay and Emergency Unit in the rear.

By virtue of their successes, Amulet Star, Dutch Treat, Endeavour, Happy Returns, Moonlight, National Welfare, Santa-Anita and United Express are ineligible for the Flemington Plate (second section) and it is a mile run.

I have reason to say that Mainail owned by Mr N. V. A. Croucher, the Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, will have plain sailing in this event. The only two obstacles are Bugle and Vitamin M, but surely the Commodore's skipper knows how to keep a wide berth.



Mr Eric Moller leads in Racylight (F. Noodt in the saddle) after winning the Victoria Stakes on Monday last.—Ming Yuen.

Charity Basketball

Triple Game Card At Waterloo Rd To-morrow

A TRIPLE featured charity basketball programme has been arranged for this Saturday afternoon at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A.'s open air court on Waterloo Road.

Opening the triple bill at 2.30 p.m., Ping Ching Girls' School of Accountancy, Colony Open Champions, will play against the Sing Tao girl students. In their last meeting at a charity match a few weeks ago, Sing Tao eked out a close win after a hectic struggle. The champions will even the count when they

and game will find a team of Chinese movie stars and actors pitted against a quintette composed of Chinese newspaper reporters.

Benarba H'cap

The last race of the annual meeting is the Benarba Handicap for "C" and "D" classes Australian ponies and the outing is a long distance run of two miles. Cheerful Star should give a good account of herself with Warrego River and Venus Bay trailing behind.

In the spotlight final match, South China A.A.'s classy cagers take on the Canton Kuo Min University's variety hoopers in a game that should prove to be a thriller.

Admission to these games will be 20 cents, and the amount derived will be donated to the under privileged Girl Students Welfare Association. A large crowd is expected to take in this charity basketball programme.

Handsome Purse For Champions' Cup

The main event of the afternoon's racing will be the Australian Subscription Ponies Champions and the faunt is over a course of one and a quarter miles.

It is a valuable classic event among the sub-griffins of this season, for the winner is to receive a nice silver trophy with \$3,500 added.

We are sure to have a big field, but it seems that nothing can stop the mare, United Express, from winning the title "Miss Australia of the Annual Carnival."

The Professional Cup is one of the old trophies; it was first run for, I understand, long before 1900 and one race was then for China pony griffins. But in 1922 it was changed to a championship event for subscription ponies and Mosie Tile owned by the late

Mr C. E. Warren was the first winner. The last China subscription griffin to win the valuable classic was Marksmen (Mr V. Needa) in 1930 and there was no Professional Cup in the following year owing to the failure of Russian dealers to supply China ponies.

A First Occasion

To-morrow will therefore be the first occasion for Australian subscription ponies to compete for the above old classic and United Express is my fancy. Endeavour and Jus Gentium will, I am sure, try their best to snatch the baton, but I doubt that they will be able to turn the scales.

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Guerillas Close Inland Shipping From Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—A recrudescence of guerilla activities in several districts on the north bank of the Yangtze River between Shanghai and Nanking recently forced the Japanese to close all inland shipping from Shanghai for eight days, information relayed to Chungking reveals to-day.

The areas in which the Chinese guerillas were most active included Nantung, Haimen, Tsingchiang, Kaoyu and Kiangtu. Shipping was not resumed until February 24, these reports state.

Railways Damaged

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Heavy damage is believed to have been sustained by the Japanese at Sinsiang, junction of the Peiping-Hankow Railway and the Taokou-Chinghua Railway in north Homan, as a result of a Chinese raid on their munitions depot there on the night of February 13.

Two Japanese grounded planes were also destroyed in a simultaneous attack at the Japanese airfield there. Further damage was done to the Canton-Hankow Railway between Yoyang (Yochow) and Yunkai in north Homan last week by Chinese saboteurs.

The Japanese troops invading Wulshih and Hsiehpshih on the west bank of Yao Lake, south-east of Nanchang in Kiangsi, have suffered considerable casualties, and the Japanese crossing the Fu River flowing south of Nanchang are encircled.

Invader's War Planes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
UNDISCLOSED BASE, Feb. 27 (Domei).—Japanese naval planes in the upper Yangtze regions on February 25 and 26 raided Kaotai, 75 miles south of Anking in Anhwei province, and severely strafed part of the 145th Chinese Division stationed there, the Press Section of the Japanese Fleet in Central China waters announced to-day.

The raiders also destroyed many military buildings and started fires at several places.

Aid Britain Hurry

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—"In order that we shall not be guilty of a minute's more delay than necessary when Congress passes the Lend Lease Bill, President Roosevelt will continue his series of conferences with the Chief of the War, Navy, State and Treasury Departments." The President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, made this statement to-day and added that much more work remained to be done in getting the administration to handle the aid to Britain programme.

Italo-German Exchanges

All War Needs Pooled

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Working of the Axis in the economic field is revealed in a dispatch from Rome quoted by the German news agency, stating that in accordance with the Italo-German Economic Agreement, which regulates, from time to time, clearing payments for the current year, Italian and German commercial exchanges are expected to reach a total of about one milliard Reichsmarks in both directions.

The guiding principle in the negotiations has been to satisfy all requirements essential to war economic demands, in which the combined demands of the Axis are regarded as one unit.

Coal Requirements

The whole of Italy's coal requirements, amounting to about 12,000,000 tons last year, will be completely covered by Germany.

Germany's deliveries of iron and steel to Italy will be more than doubled.

Italy will increase her shipments of agricultural raw production as well as sulphur and mercury to Germany.

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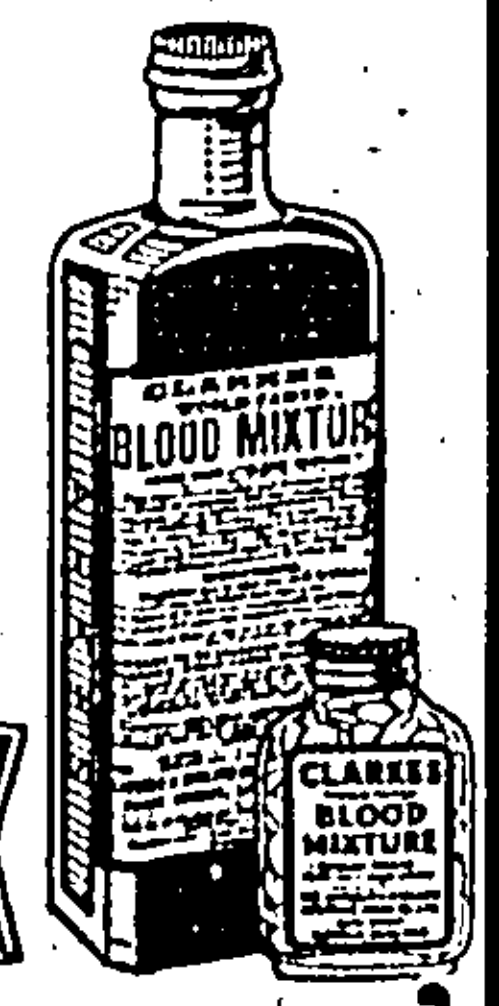
LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A military college which is destined to become the Saint Cyr of Free France in Africa has been opened at Brazzaville by General de Larminat, High Commissioner for Free French Africa, according to Free French circles. The college at present houses 125 cadets, most of whom escaped from France to join General de Gaulle. The college is called Camp Colonna Dornano.

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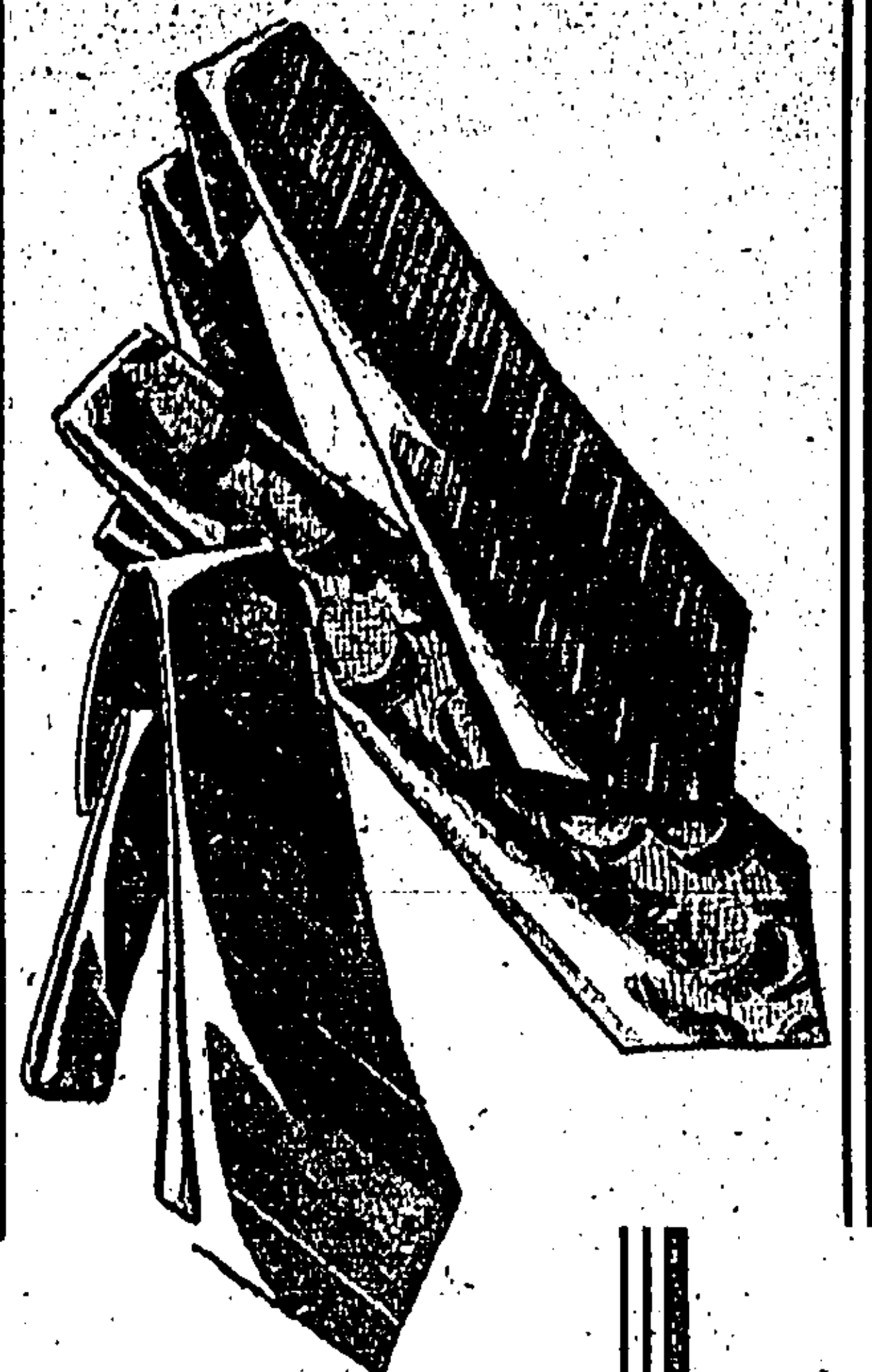
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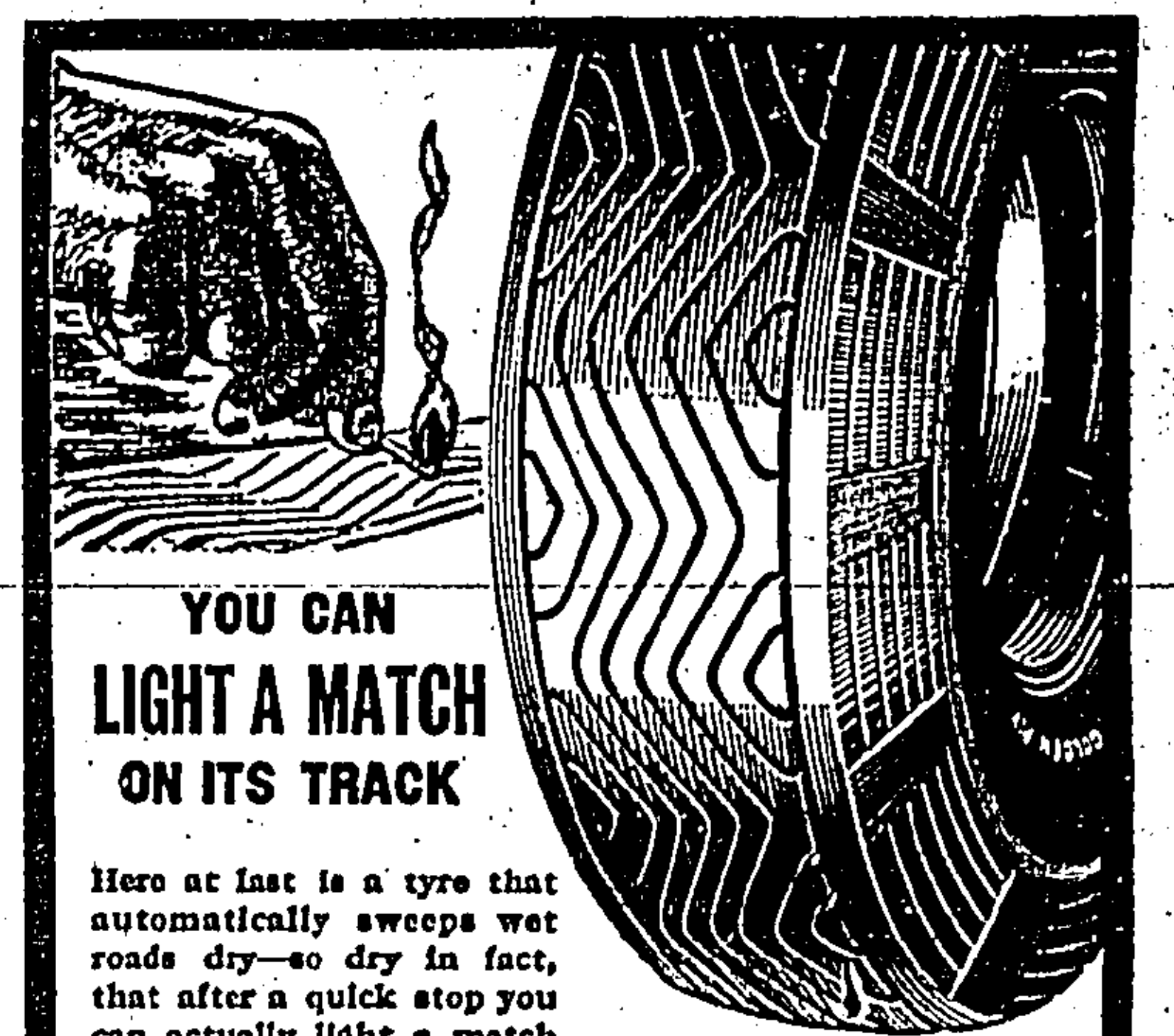
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INDO-CHINA READY TO FIGHT

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bank towns, along the Mekong." He declared that the French will initiate no new proposals; therefore, the Thailanders and Japanese must act.

Vichy Keeps Contact
LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Conversations between France and Thailand have now entered a decisive stage, according to a Vichy report quoted by the Swiss radio. The report says that the French Ambassador in Tokyo has had several interviews with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuko Matsuoka, while talks are proceeding almost daily at Vichy between the Japanese Charge d'Affaires and the French Foreign Ministry.

The report adds that the French Government has received a note containing the Japanese proposals which Thail would be prepared to accept.

Evacuee Ships Ready
TOKYO, Feb. 28 (Donel).—It is understood that the Foreign Ministry, following Wednesday's instructions to Mr. Yasushi Hayashi, Consul-General at Hanoi, and Mr. Fujio Minoda, Consul-General at Saigon, to advise Japanese residents in French Indo-China to prepare for evacuation as a precaution against possible complications of the Franco-Thai dispute, has ordered evacuation ships to Tokyo, has ordered evacuation ships to stand by at Haiphong and Saigon.

Following the entry of Japanese troops into French Indo-China last year the number of Japanese nationals residing in Indo-China increased from 200 to about 400, of whom about 200 are in Hanoi, capital of Indo-China and others are scattered at Haiphong, Saigon and other places.

Among the residents are employees of the Formosan Development Company, the Mitsui and the Mitsubishi Companies, the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and other Japanese firms and plantations.

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LATE NEWS

Awaits Vichy's Reply

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 28 (UP).—Reliable Japanese sources stated this morning that the Japanese Government is expecting a final reply by midnight to-day from the Vichy Government, which has refused to accept the Japanese mediation plan. However, it is stated, because of the difference in time the reply might be received to-morrow.

Japanese Leaving Singapore

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—No official advice has been given to Japanese to evacuate Singapore. They are leaving of their own accord, said the spokesman, Mr. Ishii to a question to-day.

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Jervis Bay Casualties Announced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The Admiralty announces that among the Jervis Bay casualties were 34 officers missing, presumed killed.

They include the Commander, Acting Captain E. S. F. Fegen, Lieutenant A. H. W. Bartle, Lieutenant A. W. Driscoll, Lieutenant G. E. C. Wood, Surgeon Lieutenant T. G. Evans and Lieutenant K. M. Morrison.

"The Jervis Bay was protecting a convoy in the Atlantic last November when a German surface raider attacked the ships. The Jervis Bay made a heroic effort to draw the fire of the raider and succeeded to such good effect that she herself was sunk. But of the convoy of 39 ships, only four were lost as the result of her courageous action. Captain Fegen was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

PILOTS IN BURMA VOLUNTEERS TO COMPLETE COURSE IN INDIA

RANGOON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The first batch of Acting Pilot Officers to complete the Burma Volunteer Air Unit Training course have gone to India for more advanced training, says a communiqué.

Another complement of pilot officers are under training in Burma.

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requitting schools, automobiles, livestock, and cars. Finally, he said, the Bulgarians are mobilising when they are menaced by no one. He declared that the press in Sofia was in German hands and the police were largely under German control, while many important military personages were under German influence.

Landing At Castel Rosso Described

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ANKARA, Feb. 27 (UP).—It is reported that the British landing at Castel Rosso was followed by a four hour bombardment by British destroyers, in the midst of which Axis planes attacked the destroyers, which withdrew, but reappeared later supported by British planes which protected the disembarkation.

Greek Joy
LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The occupation of the island of Castel Rosso in the Eastern Mediterranean by British forces is hailed with enthusiasm by the Greeks, according to the Athens radio.

The newspaper, "Estin," refers to Castel Rosso as the first Dodecanese island to see the sunlight of freedom and adds: "In order to realise what Fascist tyranny has meant for Castel Rosso, remember that of the 12,000 inhabitants of unmix Greek blood, barely 1,800 now remain on the island. The rest have been driven into exile. Whole communities of fugitives from Castel Rosso now exist in Greece, America, Australia and France."

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